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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History
from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago10 YEARS AGO TODAY
April 2, 1940
(It Was Tuesday)
County taxpayers federation
discussed at meeting of residents
from Medford and Ashland.Miss Katherine Stewart elected
president of PEO council.Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stewart
win all city contract bridge
tournament title.George Jantzer breaks 100
straight in four 25-hand events at
Medford Gun club trapshoot.Beagle Sunday school party
put on by Dick Bush assisted by
Mrs. Ruth Ellis.30 YEARS AGO TODAY
April 2, 1920
(It Was Wednesday)
Charles Stacy, two and one-
half years old, has narrow escape
from death when clothes catch
on fire near his home.City council transfers fair-
grounds tract to county for site
of county shops.Fire department reports 13
alarms and damage of \$87 in
March; lower than in 1929.East side market to open
doors for first time tomorrow.34 YEARS AGO TODAY
April 2, 1916
(It Was Sunday)
Fifty-four new type C-nitrogen
Mazda streetlights installed on
east side.Total republican registration
in county to date 2,181 and dem-
ocrats 1,113.Beaver creek reservoir sug-
gests a source for Talent ir-
rigation district water.

Shady Cove - Trail

Shady Cove-Trail, April 1—
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clark of Big
Butte creek, Trail, entertained
March 23 with a pre-Easter din-
ner. Canasta was played, high
scores going to Mrs. Clyde Staf-
ford and John Barth. Guests
present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Kindschi, Mr. and Mrs. U. R.
Wagler, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde
Staford, John Barth and the
host and hostess.Shady Cove school board has
received a notice from the state
board of education to the effect
that the Shady Cove school is
substandard, and if an audi-
torium or play area is not pro-
vided or a definite plan to get one
in the near future is worked
out, the basic school fund of
\$12,000 will be held up for the
coming year. Any deficit that
occurs below the amount of the
budget will have to be assessed
on the taxpayers of this district.Roger Baldwin, cousin of Ver-
non Baldwin of Shady Cove and
student at Oregon State college
has been a house guest of Mr.
and Mrs. Ralph Lane for a few
days.Mrs. Helen McCrigger of Elk
Creek, Trail, left Monday for
Eugene, where she will visit her
two daughters and families.
Mrs. Brenton Chapman and
Mrs. Douglas Heiken for about
two weeks.Mrs. Dorothy Hunt of Shady
Cove has just returned from a
six weeks visit in Oakland, Cal.,
where she was called by the ill-
ness of her father, Charles Flye.
Mr. Flye, who recently passed
his 86th birthday is much im-
proved. Mrs. Hunt also visited
her sister, Mrs. Edith Litz.Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zimmer-
lee, formerly of Shady Cove,
have purchased a ranch of about
80 acres in the Butte Falls area
and he will do ranching as well
as logging.

Editorial Correspondence

New York, N. Y., March 28.—Some things grow bigger and better on the Atlantic Coast than the Pacific. Not many, but some. Among them, disease germs. We would, for example, match the Atlantic coast flu-bug against the Pacific Coast type any time and wager G.T.'s day's wages (no picayune item!) that the former would win in a walk. We are just emerging from a week's rough-and-tumble with the Atlantic Coast type, and with the aid of both aureomycin and penicillin EXPECT to survive. But it was touch-and-go for a time. We never had any such trouble with similar germs on the western coast. "Whew-w-w"—what a wallop that old boy packs—like a ton of brick! Let the effete East keep their germs—we want no more of them. We will take the Rogue Valley brand every time!

Speaking of germs and diseases and other undesirable items, we would like proper authorities would evolve a lethal spray for this McCarthy-pest and get rid of him. That case is about all we have seen in the newspapers during the past depressing and medicinal period, and have to admit the affair has got us down—even further than the bout with Old-Man Flu had put us already.

The only consoling feature has been that this Wisconsin "Mac" has reminded us of our old pal Foley Square "Mac", and to re-mind us of the latter is always a pleasure—or is it not completely so, at least a relief from contemplation of this unspeakable moronic charlatan from the Woodchuck hills of the upper Mississippi valley.

As may be recalled, "Pal Mac" who faithfully reported the Communist Hiss and Coplon trials, taking more copious and pains-taking notes than the "bye line" writers for the New York Times (who seemed to know) suffered from such a morbidly acute Communist-phobia that he wanted the magazine "Time" barred from the mails as seditious, and refused to read the "New Yorker" because of what he termed its "pro-communism leanings."

This may give an inkling of his type. And it is not as rare as some people assume. In fact your correspondent has run into a couple in this hotel, and they appear to be somewhat of a normal type. The basic difficulty is not that they are completely and completely overcome their ability to think. In fact when their pet aversion arises, namely the "Red Menace," they refuse to think.

As a result they go to ridiculous extremes. They not only suspect there is a Russian "Red" under every bed, but that anyone who has NOT gone on RECORD as a rabid and uncompromising anti-Russian, is at heart a pro-Russian. The best of them, potential home only orthodox, acceptable American patriot therefore—at least this was Mac's working formula—had to be just as extreme, as bigoted, as intolerant and uncompromising as he.

As a result, one felt rather sorry for "Mac"—he was extremely polite and proper, and yet he was so alone. Even the FBI operatives, and the attorneys for the government whom he openly courted, were bored and indifferent. Just how and why he secured admission to the press sections no one seemed to know.

And yet it would be entirely untrue to suggest that "Mac" was disliked—except, of course, by the Communists or Fellow-Travelers present. He was merely regarded—as discounted—as a crank, an extremist and something of a "nut." And, of course, he was.

And yet a nice nut.

And that is where the similarity to this other "Mac"—this unsavory McCarthy of Wisconsin—ends. For there is nothing "NICE" about this cheap-skate from the Badger state, who, as a noted Republican, former Secretary of War Stimson, declared, quote:

"This man, so stupid as to connect a man like Ambassador Jessup with Communism *** so unprincipled as to seek personal and party advantage from damage to his country."

The "Mac" from Wisconsin and his "noisy antics" however, do remind us of our own "Mac" in this way—it is because of the fanatical intolerance that our own "Mac" represents, that the Wisconsin demagogue is depending for a "cash-in" at the ballot box come this November—the strong anti-communism groundswell that has been rising ever since World War II ended and is probably at its apex now.

And in this campaign for which he is the advance scout and self-appointed booby-trap, McCarthy will round up as many of the Communist-trial "Macs" as he can find. For while such "witch burners" are n. g. as newspaper reporters, they are useful as political rounder-uppers and fire-alarm-pullers in a national campaign. In fact, we shall be surprised if "Mac", who is a man of leisure living on a modest but adequate income, does not work at a steady job for change during the campaign, which should start now in a few months.

And whatever he may do—or say—no one knowing "Mac" will for a moment doubt this.

He will BELIEVE it—he will believe sincerely everything he does and says. He will be even more literally at Armageddon battling for the Lord than he was at the Communist trial. It will be a sacred, patriotic cause and unless the GOP wins and regains control of the congress, Mac will HONESTLY believe that the day when Uncle Joe moves into the White House will have been brought closer by several months. Absurd? Certainly. But that's Mac.

If the Wisconsin Mac were as sincere and honest as the Federal Court Mac, this department would oppose him, for such twisted fanaticism in this democracy we believe a harmful influence; but we would respect him and grant the man at least the right to have his say and fight the good fight according to his light.

But the Wisconsin Mac plainly isn't. He is too smart to believe the sort of incendiary and mendacious flap doodle he is handing out. He no more believes Owen Lattimore is really Stalin's chosen representative in the State Department than he believes Ambassador Jessup has a special affinity for Communism and presumably communism too.

He isn't, in spite of his wild demands for the secrets of the FBI files, interested at all in the TRUTH. He is only interested in what he—and some of his fellow party fire-eaters like Bridges of New Hampshire—can make the voters BELIEVE to be true this coming November.

Knowing there has been extensive Soviet espionage in the state department as evidenced by the Hiss and Coplon cases, the McCarthy and the Bridges (and we regret to state some of the more respected, self-respecting republicans) see a great chance to gain and retain political jobs and controls for their party. So they put up such a smoke screen many of the voters will conclude there really must be some fire, that while countless innocent people will suffer, most of them will be members of the opposing party anyway, so what the heck—

"Everything is fair in love, war and politics anyway!"

And this MAY be smart politics.

It shouldn't be but it may be for as before remarked in this department, there are signs of the inevitable turn in the political tide so reckless opportunists like McCarthy may be taking that shot at the proper time. Only time can tell.

But good politics or bad politics, there is no question of this: it is one of the most disgusting and shameful exhibitions of cheap partisan politics of a completely reckless and irresponsible nature this country has seen for a generation, and should be un-compromisingly condemned by all right-thinking people regardless of party.

As Walter Lippman of the Herald-Tribune states in today's Herald-Tribune:

"The McCarthy business is playing straight into Russia's hands. I believe every informed and serious-minded observer would agree that the great objective of Soviet policy is to push the United States out of Europe and Asia and back into the western hemisphere. Everything that happens here which renders it impossible for the United States to work with its allies and partners brings the Soviet government nearer to its objective."

And no fair-minded observer would deny that the McCarthy-Bridges hullabaloo is doing precisely THAT—making it more and more difficult for the United States to work effectively with its allies and partners, enjoy their confidence, and arouse in them any sense of greater security, while giving the Kremlin increasing assurance that the U.S.A. is a country divided and torn by inner conflicts, so their traditional policy of divide and conquer is working out well and should be persisted in.

Perhaps the ravages of the champ flu germ of the Atlantic seaboard may be partly responsible, but as the writer views the situation the Republican party faces a most serious crisis. If the leadership of the party is to be taken over by such representatives as McCarthy and Bridges rather than Republicans of the type of Vandenberg and Stimson in the approaching campaign, whether the immediate result should be victory or defeat, the final outcome would mean the moral bankruptcy of the GOP, and its disappearance for the time being at least, as an effective force in American politics. And it would be getting merely its just deserts!

P.S. SHOCKED to hear of the sudden and tragic death of David Holmes. In a flash we recalled a time many years ago when at practically the same time of year our car skidded on a curve not far from Redding, and we thought: "This is it!" By some kind turn of Fate, however, the car finally stayed on the highway, instead of going off which would have spelled "finis." We know few things more terrifying than to be an occupant of a skidding car on a mountain highway—the sense of helplessness and futility is so

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"That completes the course, Mr. Whiffle. I think you can take a chance on saying 'oh yeah, to somebody, now.'"

complete; as in few other situations one is so vividly and suddenly conscious that the difference between life and death is—or may be—only a difference between good fortune and bad. It was the latter with Dave. Too bad, too bad! We have never found an entirely satisfactory definition for genius, the quality is so much easier to recognize than define. In his special line of promotion, preparation and salesmanship in the fruit business, however, David Holmes was UNQUESTIONABLY a genius. He not only had the "infinite capacity for taking pains," limitless energy and imagination, but was in constant accord with the well-known saying, "genius never travels well-worn paths." He, with his brother and associates, in the direction of special gift box sales direct to consumers, struck out along untraveled paths and not only established one of the largest concerns of the kind in the country but one of the most prosperous. It was pioneer work. It was hard work, but it paid out generously in the end, not only in a financial way personally, but in putting Medford and the Rogue River valley on the map of this country, from coast to coast and from San Diego to Maine. Within a ten mile radius of where this is being written, for example, there are literally thousands of homes 2500 miles away, that will note with regret the dropping of the name of "David" from the well known firm name of the Bear Creek Orchards—steady patrons through the years. R.W.R.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the name of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit letters for clarity and brevity. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

DST Vote Urged

To the Editor: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and it was some time before timepieces were made, so the sun was our timepiece. Why do we change the clock, to go against God's will? It would seem to me that the people of Medford should have a say as to whether we adopt the daylight saving time. Why not let the people have a vote on this as on other measures such as our new water line and our swimming pool.

If our city is going to be run by five or six men who call an election in May to vote bonds to carry this new water line? I for one do not believe in dictator-ship. Why not just sit back and let the city dads take care of all our business, and go all the way out for dictatorship, not just half?

Berry Haddock

Winner Backed

To the Editor: In response to the letters recently published in this column, about a certain contestant on the amateur hour, we regret to hear that some folks are dissatisfied with the choice of the public.

It was known some time ago that the final contestant would be chosen by an applause meter and the audience attending the show that evening.

As members of that audience, we believe we chose the contestant having the most talent and the ability to go the farthest.

According to ethics, we should all get behind him, as our representative and be his friends, win or lose. If it should happen that he is eliminated at Portland, we trust that we can take our disappointment with good spirits.

Miss Kathleen Hicks

Dale Davis

To the Editor: Being a resident of Shady Cove, I feel compelled to write regarding the letter by Bill Grant and Jim Grimm. Having lived in Shady Cove a very long time, and not knowing any of the contestants personally, I feel that I may write entirely without prejudice.

However, the last paragraph of the above mentioned letter was just too much. To first compare the four notes of the cornet player to Harry James, and then

to state "this information is submitted to enlighten the residents of Shady Cove to the facts of real musical talent" was a little insulting—to Harry James and to Shady Cove. Believe it or not, we have radios up here in the hills and have heard Harry James a couple of times, so we all know "real musical talent."

The "Cowboy Singer" may not be what some consider great but his pleasant voice was at least entertaining, while the cornet player had his obvious mistakes. Speaking of "greatness" I think the little girl that played classical music on the piano would be so classed.

However, the contest is over and the results from Portland will answer the question "Is he a second Harry James or merely a promising amateur who needs more practice?"

I think in the event of another contest, the vote should be taken by mail so that the listeners may think first and vote fairly for the best performance of the night, leaving personalities entirely out when making their decisions. No doubt they all worked hard preparing for the program and winning means a great deal to each one.

Mrs. Evelyn McKillop
Shady Cove, Ore.

Applause Meter Unfair?

To the Editor: Being an average citizen of this fair city I would like to voice my opinion on the recent talent contest. As the public was asked to vote for their favorite contestant, by ballot at a named drug store, I can't see why judges and an applause meter, along with the votes, were used in the final contest.

According to Bill Grant and Jim Grimm, fellow students of the final winner, Keith Mirick, anyone playing or singing a melody in the style of so-called big band leaders is more than apt to be chosen a winner.

Not having any interest in the contest or voting, I believe the instrument (applause meter) used at the last contest to be unfair to the contestants.

B. J. Haas

(Editor's note: Voting by the public by coupon or mail was merely to select favorites for the local finals. In the final contest here, an applause meter was used, its indicator being watched by three judges. The judges had no part in choosing the contestant or the trip to Portland, except to watch the applause meter and certify as to its proper reading. The applause meter method is used in practically all amateur radio contests, it obviously being the only practical way to choose favorites in such performances.)

Clock Switching Slated Along Coast on April 30

By United Press

Nearly every major city on the Pacific coast will set clocks one hour ahead April 30 and join much of the rest of the nation in four months observance of daylight saving time.

All California will swing over to fast time a month from today. Oregon and Washington communities, however, must decide for themselves whether they want daylight or standard time. In general, rural areas favor standard time because it gives them more daylight in the morning and work can be completed that much earlier at night.

City Dwellers Favor

City dwellers, however, favor an extra hour of sunlight in the evening when they come home from work, water lawns, and sit out on the front porch.

Oregon communities going over to fast time next month include Portland, Eugene, Clackamas county, Oceanlake, Beaverton, Milwaukie, Medford, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, The Dalles, Corvallis, Seaside, St. Helens, and Gresham. Oregon City is expected to join the daylight parade.

Strong opposition to DST has appeared in Delake, Coos Bay— which turned it down March 13, Hood River, and Astoria. Astoria

will decide at Monday's council meeting.

Officials of Coos, Curry, and western Douglas counties will talk over the question at an April 5 meeting in Coos Bay.

Bend city commissioners will make their decision next week after residents have had a chance to deposit their ballots in a city hall box. The "votes" are not binding on the council. In the state of Washington, Chehalis will not observe fast time. Lewis county decided March 2 to keep the clocks on standard time come April 30.

Measure Passed

Washington cities definitely planning to move clocks ahead during the April 30-September 24 period include Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Vancouver, Longview, Kalama, Everett, Centralia, Woodland, Richland.

The 1948 Oregon legislature passed a measure that would give all Oregonians daylight saving time if both California and Washington adopted it, and then only by proclamation of the governor.

Daylight time proponents, however, labeled the measure as an anti-daylight saving time bill and obtained enough petition signatures to force the legislature's bill to referendum vote in November's general election.

Wall Street

New York, April 1 — (U.P.) —

Paced by railroad issues, stocks improved fractionally on the New York stock exchange today in moderately active dealings.

The rise in the carriers was an extension of yesterday's advance by the rails. The demand for rails helped to bolster other sections of the list, with emphasis on video stocks.

Dow Jones closing stock averages: 30 industrials, 206.37, up 0.32; 20 rails, 55.43, up 0.60; 18 utilities, 42.69, up 0.02; and 65 stocks, 74.43, up 0.27.

Sales declined to 680,000 shares from 890,000 shares last Saturday.

GREAT INSULT

London, Apr. 1 — (U.P.) — La-borite Michael Foot told commons last night that plans for Irene Dunne to play Queen Victoria and for Gregory Peck to star in a film about Dunkerque was "one of the greatest insults to the British Empire since Errol Flynn captured and saved Burma single-handed."

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