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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 April 3, 1940 (It Was Friday)

Southern Oregon irrigation water to be sufficient for those depending on reservoirs and larger streams, committee finds.

Carl Tengwald is chairman of army day committee here.

Christian Education Leadership Training school to open here Monday with Dr. Sherman L. Divine as director.

Government reports adequate menu for four persons can be covered by \$18 weekly.

Gerald "Jerry" Gastineau is named basketball coach at Ashland high school.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY April 3, 1930 (It Was Saturday)

Ernest A. Harris, Willow Springs district, discovers new borax treatment for fireproofing plywood.

First roses of season reported in bloom by Mrs. Mary Payne, South Ivy street.

Butte Falls high musical entertainment and box social scheduled Tuesday night.

Expansion of Wilson Auiting company here announced.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY April 3, 1916 (It Was Wednesday)

Retiring officers of the local Elks lodge tender surprise dinner for Exalted Ruler W. H. McGowan.

O. W. Dunford, Jacksonville, enters entry of A. R. Brown's market, Ashland, as meat cutter.

First train runs over Coos Bay line to Eugene with five coaches loaded with passengers.

Tombstone Paying Up 80-Year-Old Debt

Tombstone, Ariz. (U.P.)—Tombstone has begun making good a debt it incurred nearly 80 years ago.

The \$12,750 obligation appeared on the city's books when, as a rough mining camp, it defaulted on salary warrants.

City officials decided to pay off the debt after the state auditor, Ana Frohmlinger, warned that Tombstone no longer would receive its share of state sales tax receipts.

A special tax was imposed recently and a \$1,000 check was promptly forwarded to Mrs. Frohmlinger as part-payment for the long-standing obligation.

Sunken Jap Ships To Be Sold, Scrapped

Tokyo (U.P.)—The wreckage of four Japanese warships, still lying on the seabed outside Kure Harbor, soon will be sold and scrapped.

The rusting wrecks, called "the submarine fleet" by the local Japanese, consists of two 42,000-ton battleships, Ise and Hyuga; one 40,000-toner, Haruna; and a 10,000-ton class heavy cruiser, Aoba.

All were sunk while trying to dodge allied bombs about a month before the war's end.

The scrap would supply much-sought-after steel for Japanese industry.

Salvage experts believe the "submarine fleet" contains about 200 bodies of crew members.

The colony of New South Wales, Australia, was proclaimed Feb. 7, 1788.

We're From Missouri

Those who claim they have seen flying saucers, and those who write, or discourse on the radio about the heavenly visitors, all have something in common with Wisconsin's Senator Joseph McCarthy—they know all about their subject but can't seem to dig up proof.

LATEST to give the "real story" is this week's U.S. News and World Report which declares that about the only big secret regarding the disks is who makes them. Even this secret the magazine proceeds to pretty well expose by pointing the finger at the Navy.

Engineers competent to appraise reports of reliable observers have concluded that the flying saucers seen by hundreds of observers over most parts of the U.S., are real, declares the magazine piece. Further, it asserts, there is evidence that the strange aircraft are of revolutionary type, a combination of helicopter and fast jet plane, but conforming to well-known principles of aerodynamics.

AN early model, built by U.S. engineers back in 1942, made more than 100 successful flights, it is stated, the project then being taken over by the Navy in wartime.

The magazine article makes the flying saucer principle of aerodynamics seem so simple, efficient and altogether logical we are forced to wonder how development and utilization of such aircraft could have been so long delayed, or so long cloaked in secrecy.

WHAT it all adds up to, concludes the U.S. News writer, is that the flying saucers being observed in many parts of the country are not mysterious visitors from Mars but actual planes which can do things that no conventional aircraft can.

This we will believe when the disks are actually seen and inspected at rest on old mother earth, instead of flying over someone's barn.—E.C.F.

The Greatest Gift

Christians throughout the world will observe next Friday the anniversary of the most hideous murder in all history for it was on Friday, 2000 years ago that Jesus Christ, having been tried before prejudiced judges and found guilty on the testimony of bribed witnesses, was subjected to the cruel pain of crucifixion.

OUT of this crime, the slaying of Jesus, the one and only perfect being to appear on the earth, came man's greatest blessing for in His death Divinity gave its all for humanity.

In the form of human flesh, God went through the extremes of punishment to which sin subjects the soul of man and by His suffering exemplified for the human race the victory over sin.

ON that day of His travail there was given to mankind a new motive for sacrifice, for death a new meaning; and in Christ's resurrection only three days later there was given to those who will but accept it, the greatest gift of all—the gift of hope.—E.C.F.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

Emotionalism appears to have so dominated the reporting and comment on the McCarthy statements that the real issue—the real problem—is obscured. Perhaps Senator McCarthy is to blame for the confused and emotional comment. He was mistaken, I think, in alleging or implying criminal acts on the part of the people he has named. It is extremely doubtful if charges of traitor, spy or even of being a communist can be proven against anyone mentioned.

But what Senator McCarthy has shown and pretty well documented is that certain people who either are now, or have recently been, in high places in our state department, have been closely identified with communist-minded people and groups. Such association is not a crime. Such association does, however, render those people undesirable employees of our state department.

No one, I am sure, will deny now that communism is a threat to all free people. The world control of communism, the Russian government, is our enemy in what we call a cold war. We cannot, and should not, employ communist sympathizers in any department of our government—least of all the state department. We should not employ people about whom there is a reasonable basis for suspicion.

I THINK THAT is what Senator McCarthy is driving at, but he has trod on some important toes. The smoke screen of confusion was quickly developed. The senator's errors were quickly magnified. He stands almost alone against all the power and brains of the executive department of the government.

The president has, in effect, designated the McCarthy statements as a whole school of red herrings. (He called the Alger Hiss charges red herrings.) He has declined to allow the committee to inspect the state department loyalty records or the civil service commission loyalty records. Those files allegedly give the persons in question a clean bill of health. If so, what harm in seeing them? If so, why not open them up and clean up this whole mess?

There is something wrong some place. I hope Senator McCarthy will keep on until he is either discredited by clear-cut facts or forces the administra-

tion to clear the names of many people. McCarthy has listed by showing the committee the files. The pro-administration news writers and commentators have ignored the fact that the president's action leaves many people "smeared" whom the committee should publicly clear after inspection of the files.

Perhaps Senator McCarthy erred in listing any names, but the president makes the greater error by leaving them smeared, instead of clearing them—if the files can clear them.

IT SHOULD be noted that in the above discussion I do not refer to the data files of the FBI. I do not think those files should ever be made public. This was proven beyond question by their use in the Coplon trial here. The FBI must make a note of everything that is reported to them whether there is any truth to it or not. Being purely an investigating agency the FBI files are full of chaff—along with the good grain. To make public such material would, of course, be most damaging and unfair. The files of the state department and the civil service commission, upon which loyalty decisions are made, are entirely different. Those are the ones which the committee should see and which the president refuses to let it have.

Police Split on Toy Pistol Evils

Atlanta (U.P.)—Atlanta police authorities are divided sharply on whether toy pistols breed evil for youngsters.

Atlanta Police Chief Herbert Jenkins said: "Kids have had toy pistols ever since I can remember and frankly I see no harm in them. I think it teaches them to use firearms properly."

But Fulton county (Atlanta) police chief Neal Ellis disagreed. He said:

"There's no question in my mind about these guns. More harm than good comes from them. We have occasional cases of children getting their hands on real weapons and killing some one."

Sauvignon Blanc is one of the best white wine varieties of grapes produced in California.

Crosstown by Roland Coe



"Oh, no you don't! I want the garden planted before you relax for the summer!"

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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Baby, it's really cold outside here in Florida. I slept under three blankets last night and certainly needed them. I spoke to a member of the chamber of commerce about this chilly weather. Do you know what he said? So help me, his exact words were: "It is very unusual weather for this time of the year."

Evidently southern California has no monopoly on unusual weather. Incidentally, I saw a couple of fellows playing shuffle board on the public courts and they were wearing overcoats!

Asking. Queries from clients. Q. Forget about Florida for a couple of minutes. Please settle an argument that has become heated at our house. When was the silent film "Kiss on the Storm Country" produced? A. I have no records handy but I believe the picture in which Mary Pickford starred, was produced around 1916. Many of the exterior scenes were made at Ithaca, N.Y.

Q. What was the first popular song written by Cole Porter? A. I am out on the limb here with no reference books and can only venture a guess. I think his first hit was titled "A Little Flat in Washington Square." However, I do know that Cole's first musical composition was titled "The Bobolink Waltz." This was written when he was 10 years old and was published by his mother.

Gasoline Tax. In the month of February this year over 69,000,000 gallons of gasoline were sold in Florida. The State gasoline tax is 7 cents per gallon. Just in case you don't know, the gasoline tax originated in the State of Oregon in 1919. This was a really brilliant idea. Its originator should have a coast to coast highway named after him.

Yours Received. A Californian informs me a San Francisco hairdresser named Julio Gustavo Ortiz offers to dye hair any color the patron desires. She says three of his customers have had their hair dyed green in preparation for marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade. A feminine subscriber says other subscribers born under Scorpio may want to slap my face but not her. "I would like to hug you, Eddie," says she. "You're a darling." Boy, that's really something isn't it? However, I note this subscriber is very cautious, she does not sign her full name or furnish her address. Still it was nice of her to think of it.

The first auto driver of establish a record on the Daytona Beach, Fla., Beach Speedway was Alexander Winton. In 1903 Mr. Winton drove his machine the beach at the rate of sixty-eight miles per hour. Thirty-two years later, in 1935, Sir Malcolm Campbell drove his car along the same stretch of beach at the rate of 276 miles per hour!

Dogs Popular. The Floridians are the country's greatest greyhound racing fans. The State has thirteen dog tracks. The puppies run here in fully luxurious surroundings. Incidentally, Charles Munn, of Palm Beach introduced modern greyhound racing in England in 1926 and now it is that country's most popular sport. Munn is now top man of the American Totalizator company, which organization's mutual wagering machines are used by most of the racetracks in the United States. However, these machines received their initial tryouts at an English greyhound track.

Briefly. In most Tampa cigar factories the workers are permitted to take home without charge at least three cigars daily. While on the job they can smoke as many cigars for free as they want to.

July 26, 1925, the Miami Daily News published the world's largest single edition of a standard size newspaper. This edition had 504 pages. Each newspaper weighed seven and a half pounds. Would like to see a copy of that edition. It certainly must be a collector's item by this time.

Fountain of Youth. Ponce de Leon was fifty years old when he started looking for that fountain of youth in Florida. Instead of finding any miraculous water to prolong his life, de Leon was wounded in a battle with the Seminole Indians and died in Cuba shortly after from the effects of that wound. However, while Florida has no fountain of youth it does have some marvelous springs. We are using bottled spring water here and it is as good as any I ever tasted.

Asides. The tipster industry is quite extensive in southeastern Florida. They not only have innumerable tipsters on the horses and greyhounds, but quite a few purveyors of sure winners at the Jai Alai Fronton.

Frank Griffing Central Point, Ore.

Lake Success, N. Y., April 5—(U.P.)—Sir Owen Dixon, 66, a justice of the supreme court of Australia, has been selected tentatively to become the United Nations mediator for the Kashmir dispute, informed sources reported today.

Los Angeles, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—David W. Hearst, son of William Randolph Hearst, has been named publisher of the Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express to succeed Dr. Frank F. Barham.

THE EUREKA incident merely indicates the jittery state of our relations with Soviet Russia. You will remember that prior to 1941 our relations with Japan were on about the same basis.

THE ONLY comment on the whole business I can think of at the moment is this: "In this grave hour, oh Lord, give us PATRIOTS instead of politicians."

A Nichols' Worth of—Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—Few things perk up a woman more than a new hair-do.

A number of state and federal hospitals are capitalizing on this quirk of femininity in an effort to boost the morale of their mentally ill patients. The women are getting the full treatment—a store-bought permanent, facial, and shampoo.

Doctors do not claim a cure, but they do say that sometimes a trip to the beauty shop is just the spark that is needed to send a patient along the road to eventual recovery.

At least that has been the observation of Dr. Jacob Morgenstern, head of the Crownsville state mental hospital near Annapolis, Md. The beauty treatment program has been in operation there since last fall with the help of American Red Cross volunteers.

"Many times herein our hospital," Dr. Morgenstern told me, "I have seen the beauty treatment mark the road back for some mentally ill person."

The doctor gave as a striking example a woman named Mary, a catatonic patient from whom the hospital could get no response whatsoever with any therapy.

Lack of Interest. "Persons with this mental disorder often are characterized by a complete lack of interest in the world about them," Morgenstern said. "They seem virtually lifeless. The key to successful treatment is breaking through that wall of indifference."

Shortly after the beauty shop was opened, Mary was taken there and given a shampoo, new

hair-do, and a manicure. When the work was finished she was swung around in her chair to face the mirror. There was a faint smile of pleasure on her lips when she saw herself. She has improved ever since.

"That one case would justify the entire beauty treatment program."

One Stumbling Block. The Red Cross sponsored parlor for the mentally ill began in 1948 when volunteers at the Modesto, Cal., state hospital began looking around for ways to improve the appearance of many of the women patients. They had one stumbling block. No funds. So they went ahead on their own and got the backing of the Modesto Cosmetologists association. The program got under way without delay.

Licensed operators were recruited and volunteered their time. The hospital supplied a room and basic furnishings. A number of beauty shops lent equipment. In the first year the permanent waves, 40 facials, 130 haircuts, 128 finger waves, and 100 miscellaneous beauty services.

Effect Worth Effort. The Crownsville project, run in cooperation with the Master Beauticians association of Baltimore, is one of the newer programs. There are also volunteer-operated good grooming projects at the veterans administration hospital, Roanoke, Va.; the state mental hospital, Columbus, O.; Boston psychopathic hospital, and the Lawson veterans administration hospital, Atlanta.

Doctors say that the effect on morale is worth the effort. Patients, naturally, are pleased. One spoke for the rest when she wrote: "Thanks a lot, beauticians—long may you wave!"

Workman Trapped In Portland Cave-In

Portland, Ore., April 5—(U.P.)—Lloyd Bradley, Portland, a workman, was trapped in an earth cave-in at an excavation project in downtown Portland yesterday, but police said he did not seem seriously injured when extricated a short time later.

Bradley was taken to Emmanuel hospital for a check, however. Fellow workmen dug him from a 20-foot hole where he was imprisoned when dirt fell on him during excavation work at the southeast corner of Southwest Park avenue and Morrison street. Bradley was buried up to his chest.

Stockton, Cal., San Joaquin county seat, was originally called Tuleberg.

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Lebanon, Ore., April 5—(U.P.)—Bob Patterson, 19, Lebanon, received severe internal injuries yesterday when his automobile plunged 100 feet to the edge of the Santiam river.

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