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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 9, 1940

(It Was Tuesday)

Nazis invade Norway; British

rush aid to invaded country.

Bessie Ferguson elected presi-

dent of Gold Hill Garden club

at meeting in home of Willie

McLean.

Regular Veterans association

post organized here by F. C.

Crosslin, Ashland.

Field investigations of flood

control work on Rogue and Ap-

plegate rivers to be completed

this summer.

Ralph E. Sweeney, Medford,

elected standard bearer for Ore-

gon Rite Masons.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

April 9, 1930

(It Was Wednesday)

Pacific States Theatre com-

pany incorporates to operate

theatres here, Yreka, Cal. and

Grants Pass.

W. A. Folger returns here after

round the world trip.

Phoenix grade school pupils

to present operetta "Peter Rab-

bit" Friday night.

Miss Ruth Severance and Mrs.

Louise Compton are in charge of

B.P.W. club musical program

tomorrow.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

April 9, 1916

(It Was Sunday)

Mrs. O. E. Osborn and Mrs. C.

R. Minear are delegates to Meth-

odist Episcopal church conven-

tion at Roseburg.

Construction of sample room

for Barnum hotel started.

Sarah Henry and Louise Wil-

liamson recently secure positions

with local businesses.

The Grange

Butte Falls Grange

Obligated in first and second

degrees of Butte Falls Grange

Monday night were: Mrs. Ben

Edmondson, and Mr. and Mrs.

Norman Palmer. The state wide

membership drive has been ex-

tended to July 1.

State deputy William Howes

and Roscoe Roberts helped with

installation of Roy Green as

overseer, elected to fill the position

resigned by Elmer Leather-

man. Howes spoke about the

State Grange meeting at Ontario

on June 12-16 and urged that

resolutions be sent through the

delegates for consideration there.

Roberts announced the council

meeting on April 12, and Po-

mona Grange meeting at Apple-

gate Grange hall. He emphasized

that any resolutions by the local

Grange should be made at the

next meeting.

Agricultural Chairman Earl

Remsen reported that Butte

Falls had granted permission for

ranchers to erect a milk stand

at the east end of town so that

milk could be trucked from this

area. For particulars see either

Earl Remsen or Charles Jenkins.

Guests from Eagle Point were

Mr. and Mrs. Verna Mathews,

and Mr. and Mrs. John Noble

and daughter Laura. Mrs. Wil-

liam Howes was also a guest.

Eagle Point Grangers invited

candidates from Butte Falls to

take third and fourth degrees

at Eagle Point, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holst were

presented a red lilac bush in

appreciation for their work in

organizing and helping to sus-

tain Butte Falls Grange. Mrs.

Robert Beeman as chaplain

made the presentation.

Mrs. Charles Jenkins, chair-

man of the home economics club

is ill at home and Mrs. Harry

Editorial Correspondence

New York, N. Y., April 8.—Had given up hope for anything but a hung jury when the "flash" came that Harry Bridges had been convicted.

Once more the American jury system has been vindicated. The members of the jury took their time, considered all angles of the case carefully, and only when all reasonable doubt had been removed did they come to their final decision.

A just verdict and a beneficial one!

According to the morning papers Australia will refuse to accept Bridges if he is deported, which makes it embarrassing, for we believe it would be much better to get rid of Bridges, as was done with Gubitchev, than to keep him here in a comfortable and well-appointed jail. How about sending him to the South Pole while "Jaws" L. Lewis is transported to that cold-water igloo at the North Pole we mentioned some time ago? If Senators McCarthy and Bridges were given one-way tickets to the same destination, it would not displease this department particularly.

In fact, we are about convinced that deportation offers a far better solution of many serious domestic situations than incarceration. The latter is not only expensive, and its curative effects doubtful, but it eventually (usually) puts the undesirable citizen back into circulation. Deportation, on the other hand with no return ticket, gets rid of the individual infection spot ENTIRELY. We recommend this suggestion to Mr. Truman.

The prediction made in this department two or three years ago that two cute little sisters from Long Beach, California, would become national figures in golf in the not-too-distant future, has been fulfilled even sooner than expected. The younger one, Marlene Bauer—who with her sister Alice gave an exhibition in Medford last year—was recently declared the outstanding girl athlete of 1949; and now Alice has her picture in the New York paper social columns as the latest "flame" of young Woolworth Donahue, heir and playboy of the dime store millions. This is getting into the limelight for sure, but not as your correspondent (and we believe we can include our old golfing nemesis Roy Preston) would have wished. The keyhole gossip is not only "Woolworth," but his opulent and ambitious Mama are "crazy about the trim little golf star" and that orange blossoms—not from Long Beach, Cal., but from Palm Beach, FLORIDA—are in the offing.

Well we hope this is not true.

We know nothing about this young multi-millionaire Donahue—he may not be the Q.E.D. we have heard of. However, "Papa" Bauer, that romance and golf don't mix, and somehow this natural, wholesome, unspoiled girl, as the wife of Playboy "Woolie" strikes this department as N.G. We have a pious hunch such a match would not only spoil Alice's golf game but her life. We would not be so fearful about Marlene—she could, we imagine, take a rich husband—even if a spoiled one—in her stride. But Alice is different.

We hope there is no more to this gossip than to other juicy offerings from the keyhole brigade in this man's town. Our hope is both Bauer girls will steer clear of romantic involvement until at least one of them—perhaps both—win the national amateur golf crown. That goal reached, the undersigned would feel no further responsibility!

There is loud acclaim hereabouts for the new abbreviated "post card" Republican platform.

We well grant it is an improvement over the long-winded and ridiculous opus produced by the GOP national group some weeks ago. But we still wonder just how the national debt is to be lowered WITHOUT raising taxes, and precisely WHERE government assistance becomes interference and federal planning destroys our liberties and establishes socialism? We welcome the brevity and various deletions, but the total still adds up, as we see it, to a lot of double-talk and unadulterated hokum.

Speaking of politics we have been particularly disappointed in the recent utterances and comments of Senator Taft of Ohio.

The writer has never been a "Taft man," but during recent years we have become more and more favorably impressed by the Ohio senator's honesty, courage and downright intellectual integrity.

Probably his campaign for reelection in Ohio is to blame. What ever the cause, in recent months he certainly has shown "feet of clay" which we had come to hope he did not possess. His encouragement of the unspeakable McCarthy of Wisconsin in his smear campaign was INEXCUSABLE. And now his talk about Truman selling out to the British and leading the U.S.A. down the path to socialism and the police-state is simply NONSENSE.

The later stand is especially surprising for only a short time ago Taft deserted his old isolationist line and after a trip to Europe endorsed a common bi-partisan foreign policy, including a continuance of the Marshall plan.

The only answer we can see is that the senior senator has returned to the isolationist doctrine of his earlier years, which it is now plain he really never left, although he did for a brief time enjoy a "lucid interval." There seems general agreement Taft will win reelection to the senate hands down—again demonstrating you can't beat SOMEONE with a NOBODY—but his campaign should eliminate him as desirable Republican presidential material for all time to come.

Speaking of presidential candidates this department will not be surprised to see young Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, become a real contender six years hence, if not before. This much is certain—he shows signs of growth in enlightenment and stature which augurs well for his political future. Unlike his famous predecessor of the same name, young Lodge is to the left rather than to the right of center. He refuses to allow blind partisanship to dim his view of the realities and proprieties of international relationships. His comments on the latest GOP platform were particularly to the point, and his refusal to join in the communist witch hunt, and the cheap attempt to "get" Secretary Acheson, a credit to his good judgment and sound statesmanship.

Finally his suggestion that this so-called "loyalty probe" be taken out of politics and placed in the hands of a specially appointed non-partisan commission empowered to rid the government of any real subversives but without smearing the innocent and impairing the country's standing abroad, strikes this department as EXCELLENT.

We still have some doubts about the young man's political maturity, but if he continues along present lines, we feel sure, that president or no president, he will become a fine force, not only in his party, but in the development of his country along the most constructive progressive lines.

We were sorry "Old Man Flu" prevented our looking-in on the basketball finals in Madison Square Garden last week.

We listened in on the radio and did our bit to cheer on New York college toward the double title—an invitational and intercollegiate. For here were a bunch of most deserving boys straight from Al Smith's sidewalks of New York—two of them colored, and all of them "underprivileged" in the literal sense. And how they did play, not so much as individual stars as a team. It was not only a great basketball victory but a great victory for this overgrown metropolis and its essential democracy. And the people here—the rank and file—got a tremendous bang out of it.

There is a general belief Manhattan is a cold, impersonal, soulless Babylon, but like so many generalities it isn't the truth, or at any rate only a half-truth. Old Father Knickerbocker is a perfectly normal human in spite of his grotesque proportions. He has a heart—the only trouble is one needs considerable paraphernalia to FIND it such as stethoscopes and step-ladders.—R.W.R.

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Heryford is not well yet. Several officers were absent.

Next H.E.C. meeting will be April 12 at Mrs. Fred Kincaid's.

Mrs. John Shaw and Mrs. Ted

Frederburg will be co-hostesses

and the program will center on

one-dish meals.

Those on the refreshment

committee at the close of Grange

were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith,

Mrs. Mina Wright, and Floyd

McCabe.

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Queries Mr. Goodman

To the Editor: After reading the

Friday edition of the Mail

Tribune in which George Good-

man was quoted as knowing so

much about what goes on, on

Front street, I wondered if he

could tell us how many city em-

ployees got their wages cut \$364

a year, or laid off altogether

since cutting out of the slot ma-

chines, punch boards and card

games. Leon S. Miller

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"Johnny! What have these horrid policemen been doing to you?"

In the Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

THIS appears to be The Word on flying saucers:

1. In Key West Presidential Private Secretary Ross says: "Neither the president nor members of his staff know of any such mysterious objects as a secret weapon of this or any other country."

2. In Washington the navy says: (a) it has not developed any saucer-shaped jet planes and (b) it is not experimenting with any saucer-shaped missile.

I HATE to have to say it, but in matters of this sort (and other matters affecting our government policies and procedures) NOBODY BELIEVES ANYBODY IN AUTHORITY ANY MORE.

We don't necessarily regard them as personal liars. We just assume that they are following the governmental "line" and are telling the people what government thinks it is best for the people to be told.

More or less ALL OVER THE WORLD at this moment in history that seems to be the attitude of governments toward the people.

THIS comes from Paris: "The French communists today REAFFIRMED THEIR PROMISE THAT THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE WILL NEVER MAKE WAR AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION."

The promise is contained in a telegram from the French communists to Stalin himself and the central committee of the Soviet communist party in Moscow.

THAT is to say:

The French communists not only PLEDGE THEMSELVES that they will never fight their comrades in Russia. They go further. They pledge to Stalin and the Russian communist government that THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE will never make war on Russia!

That is going pretty far. The French communists evidently have a lot of confidence in their ability to HANDLE FRANCE.

MY PERSONAL opinion is that they are not over-stating the case. I don't believe France WILL fight Russia—regardless of what we do in the way of providing her with arms and other help.

QUITE surprisingly, Harry Bridges is convicted of perjury. He swore, when he applied for United States citizenship papers in 1945, that he never was a communist. A federal jury in San Francisco, after listening for

weeks to the evidence, decides that he lied under oath.

I HAVE the feeling that a few years ago the jury would have acquitted him. It was a different world then. Communism was just a word. It didn't mean much to us. It is different now. The truth about it is beginning to soak into us.

We are beginning to recognize Russian communism for the grisly and terrible thing it is.

A FEW years ago, Alger Hiss wouldn't have been convicted (he, too, by the way, was found guilty of having perjured himself). I doubt if four or five years ago the Russian Gubitchev could have been convicted by an American jury. Or the Coplon girl. Our mood then was different.

The black cloud of communism hadn't yet begun to darken in our sky.

I'M SORRY for Bridges. I'm sorry for any man possessing great ability as a leader who sells himself to a cause such as communism. But I can't help agreeing with the jury.

What Bridges has done has tended to WEAKEN America—not to strengthen her. No one who has seen the great port of San Francisco—one of the finest in the world—lying idle and helpless and useless for months at a time in REPEATED instances can doubt that.

Weakening America isn't good for longshoremen or any other working man.

IT IS GOOD FOR RUSSIA.

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In Sale of Eggs

Salem, Ore., Apr. 8.—(U.P.)—O. K. Beals, chief of the division of foods and dairies of the state agriculture department, Friday called the attention of grocers to requirements of the state law with respect to advertising of eggs for sale.

The law provides that the same prominence must be given to the correct grade and size of eggs as is given to the price. Beals said it is illegal to use the terms "fresh," "strictly fresh" or similar in advertising any grade except grade AA and grade A eggs.

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