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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 10, 1940 (It Was Wednesday) Medford Council of Parents and Teachers elects Mrs. A. E. Brockway president.

Medford Athletic associations awards ball park lighting to Portland concern for bid to \$2,801.69.

R. H. Gander, Central Point elementary school principal, to preside at Southern Oregon regional conference of school principals.

Mrs. Charles N. Hansen suffers broken hip in fall.

Mrs. Vesta Barnard, Indian guide at Griefes resort, Prospect, to start 11th year in that capacity.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

April 10, 1920 (It Was Thursday) Final dividend of 2.8 per cent on Jacksonville bank deposit claims paid.

County boundary board opposes annexation of Oak Grove school district with Medford school district.

Quality bakery to be opened Saturday by U. V. Lloyd.

Miss Margaret Arnold, supervisor of music in schools, announces concert by grade school pupils tomorrow.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

April 10, 1916 (It Was Monday) Bicycle a day reported stolen for past 10 days in city.

University club votes lease W. I. Vawter residence as new clubhouse.

Mrs. C. E. Einkopf, Mrs. T. A. Olsen and Mrs. T. W. Derr receive prizes for being best bread makers.

Cattle Feeding Job Keeping Boys Busy In Nebraska Town

Wood Lake, Neb.—(U.P.)—Four-H club youngsters in this northern Nebraska town are knee-deep in the cattle feeding business, thanks to the idea of a rancher, Harley Sullens.

Sullens was worried because there wasn't enough to occupy the after-school time of boys in the community. He was afraid their excess energy might be worked off "the wrong way."

So he evolved a plan under which ranchers have given their top calves to the boys. They, in turn, signed notes at the market price of the animals, and for feed.

Enter Other Events With Sullens' guidance, they held box socials and sponsored other events to raise enough money to repair an old livery stable. Every cent of the money was earned—Sullens told the boys they would defeat the purpose of the project if they asked for donations.

Town members house their calves in the livery barn. County boys and girls keep their animals at home, but bring them in to the stable on special days to show off their handiwork.

Each year, feeders from all parts of the middle west come to Cherry County to buy stock for their feed lots. Ranchers are enthusiastic about the 4-H project, which they say provides an ideal show place for their calves.

The Natural Resources Bill

The legislative interim committee's bill for creation of a single state department of natural resources will undoubtedly face a tough gantlet of criticism, political sniping and outright opposition because of its somewhat far-reaching proposals.

THE committee, which is headed by Representative Ben Day of Jackson county, advocates creation of one, over-all department for the "conservation, protection, development and renewal" of Oregon's natural resources, the resources upon which a continued high living standard and, in fact, ultimate survival of the people may depend.

As set forth in the bill, the objective is comprehensive, long-range planning and cooperation on the administrative levels, as a substitute for the several state agencies now operating independently under separate legislative acts within limited scope and only with respect to particular resources.

SPECIFICALLY, the act would establish a department of natural resources composed of the following divisions: Forestry, soil conservation, water conservation, sanitation, fisheries, wildlife, geology and minerals, state lands, natural history and research.

Into the forestry division would be merged the present state department of forestry, state board of forestry and board of forest conservation.

The soil conservation division would include the present soil conservation committee.

Into the water conservation division would go the state reclamation commission, state irrigation board, hydroelectric commission, and office of state engineer.

Sanitation would include the state sanitary authority.

The fisheries division would include the fish commission.

The wildlife division would include the state game commission.

Geology and minerals division would include the state department of geology and mineral industries.

State lands division would include the state land board, but not the board of commissioners and the lands within the purviews of section 5, article VIII of the constitution or the funds or proceeds derived from use or sale thereof.

The division of natural history and research would be established and maintained at Oregon State college and would do all laboratory research for the other divisions as might be requested. This division would also establish and maintain collections of zoological, botanical, mineral and other specimens of scientific value or interest, also keeping data, records and files of its research, available to the other divisions.

STATE or governmental department heads are traditionally opposed to consolidations or transfers which might curtail their own power or emoluments, and this may be expected to prove one of the major hazards for the interim committee's proposal.

As provided in the bill, the state forester would become director of the forestry division, the state engineer would be director of the water conservation division, the executive secretary of the soil conservation committee would be director of the soil conservation division, the master fish warden would become director of the fisheries division, the state game director would be director of the wildlife division, the sanitary engineer would be director of the sanitary division, the director of geology and mineral industries would be director of the geology and minerals divisions and the clerk of the state land board would be director of the state lands division.

NINE members would constitute the natural resources board, all to be appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate. Of these members, two would serve one year; two, two years; two, three years; two, four years, and one five years.

For the divisions of the natural resources board there would be set up advisory boards with nine members for each, these also to be named by the governor with senate consent. Advisory board members would formulate policies of their respective divisions, as approved by the natural resources board.

THE office of general director would be created, the appointment to be made by the board and at a salary to be fixed by the legislature. Under this official the present department heads such as state forester, state engineer, etc., would become division directors at salaries not less than presently enjoyed.

ONE of the most important provisions of the bill would authorize the natural resources board to "correlate and coordinate the activities of the department so as to avoid and eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort and overlapping of functions."

The above would be a step in the right direction for, as in the federal government, state administrative agencies have been added from time to time until we now have far too many, with duplication of effort and conflict in power.

ANOTHER provision of undoubted value would be the authority to deal with other states or the government in matters pertaining to natural resources of Oregon, subordinate, of course, to the authority of the governor.

ALL in all, the interim committee's proposal represents a great deal of thought and effort and undoubtedly would make for efficiency and perhaps even some economy. As to the economy phase, however, one must take a somewhat dim view, the record in such matters being what it is.—E.C.F.

NAMES IN REVERSE: Miami, Fla.—(U.P.)—Oliver James, a student, signed up for course taught by Prof. James Oliver at the University of Miami. NOW THEY'LL KNOW: Harlan, Ky.—(U.P.)—The Salvation Army announced it is collecting calendars for inmates of the Kentucky state penitentiary and the state reformatory.

Crosstown by Roland Coe



"I've had the impression lately that the Wild West is a lot wilder today than it was when we were kids!"

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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Among the new things I learned today about Florida is that the city of Hollywood in that state was founded and developed by a realtor named Joseph W. Young, from California. Mr. Young and his associates from the Golden state gave the Florida Hollywood a real high-powered California style booster campaign. The development had a fleet of 21 buses constantly on the road traveling for a thousand miles or more bringing in prospective purchasers. There were no charges for transportation. Hotel accommodations were free. Hollywood survived the collapse of the Florida real estate boom in 1928 and is now a prosperous resort town.

Relief In July, 1934, 80 per cent of the Key West population was in relief. The federal government was appealed to. In response, the Florida emergency relief administration was formed. This group went to work to build up Key West and furnish employment for its residents. It also reopened many hotels and began exploiting Key West as a winter resort. At the moment Key West seems to be doing all right. It is apparently the favorite winter resort of both the president of the United States and the mayor of New York.

Longest War What was the longest war in history? It was that between the Seminole Indians and the United States. It ended by a treaty of peace in 1834. However, the historian making mention of this interesting fact didn't say when the war started. However, don't worry about this. I will go down to the public library tomorrow and find out. Incidentally, the Seminoles claim they treat their squaws better than any other Indian tribe in Northern America. The Seminole squaw is never forced to do any hard labor in the fields and her duties are comparable to those of the American housewife.

Fabulous Abode The most fabulous place of abode built in the history of Florida, is that erected on Biscayne bay, south of Miami, by a millionaire bachelor. This bachelor was James Deering. His Biscayne bay estate took seven years to build and cost \$15 million! That was between 1913 and 1920. The same place would now cost about \$40 million to build. I know some of our feminine clients will want to know how Mr. Deering happened to remain a bachelor. I don't know now, but am checking on it.

Stogie Department There are more pine trees than palm trees in Florida. Keep that in mind. Stick with me and I'll make a Florida expert out of you and furnish you with some fancy facts you can use to win stogies from the uninformed.

Best Singer The nightingale is the poet's favorite bird and is generally believed to be the top bird vocalist. However, the mockingbird is a better singer than the nightingale. In 1931 at Bok Tower, near Lake Wales, Fla., there was a singing contest held between imported nightingales and mockingbirds.

Ex-Medford Youth Has Record-Making Firm Bruce Y'Blood, a former Medford boy, has written The Mail Tribune from Greeley, Colo., about a new business which he has established there.

Y'Blood, who is 21, is the owner and proprietor of Crater Records, a recording firm. He is also the recording artist for the firm, the letter said, and plans to release his first record in about a month.

"I'm going to concentrate my records around Medford," he wrote, "and if they go over there, I'll try my luck somewhere else. Having lived in Medford most of my life, I consider it home, and plan to move back there and use it as my base of operations."

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A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Apr. 10—(U.P.)—Hammerin' Henry Armstrong preaches the word of the Lord with the same fire he used to belt the day-lights out of his opponents in the boxing ring.

The former fighter who found for pound was one of the best body punches in boxing history, isn't pulling his punches now. Except now his "ring" is a pulpit and he steals his punch from the Scriptures. But he still waves his arms.

Armstrong isn't exactly a preacher. He calls himself an evangelist.

The 38-year-old Negro hasn't exactly mellowed with the years. He always has had a spark of religion in him and throughout and up and down career he has been cleaning living, a credit to his race and to the fight business and to humanity. You could see that Easter Sunday as he appeared before an audience at Uline arena—where once he was a conquering gladiator out to commit mayhem. He committed same in reverence yesterday when he raised his voice and windmilled his arms to preach on the theme: "The Grave Couldn't Hold Him." His sermon, in keeping with the day, was about the crucifixion.

It was a strange setting for Henry.

He willingly posed for the picture boys in the lobby of the fight; hockey and basketball palace. He raised his arm toward heaven in front of a big picture of Armstrong—Henry Armstrong the fighter. The one on the wall was taken back in the days when the hammer-man was slim in the middle.

He's on the plump side now, for a little man but still tough. He weighs about 156 and doubtless couldn't lick his way through more than half a dozen men his own weight.

Been on God's Side Henry believes that he has been on God's side, or vice versa, since the very beginning. When he was born in 1912, his mother called him the "Champ," because he looked more like a comber than any of his 14 brothers and sisters.

When he was active in the fight game, his sister-in-law, Emma Lou Jackson, said prayers and made predictions before each of his bouts. Before he fought Barney Ross she predicted that it would be his "easiest" fight.

"Ross," she told Henry, "will wind up in the hospital and never will fight again. You won't get a scratch."

Emma Lou was right on that one. Barney went to the hospital. Henry came out of the fight with his whole hide and while he was at it won the world welterweight title to add to his featherweight and lightweight titles.

Appeared with Choir Henry, who is about to come out with a book of poetry, appeared today on the same program with a 150 voice choir from Baltimore. The former fighter, who says he never again will lift a mitt against his fellow man—has something to say about the music of today, too.

"This be-bop stuff is a bunch of huff. It is doing no good for our kids. What we would like to see is a trend in our race back toward the melodic and inspiring Negro spirituals. That will be part of my preachings from now on. The hymns have a definite message which the modern generation is missing."

Henry, wind-milling his arms from force of habit, said that his ambition now is to build a church in a quiet section of Los Angeles.

"There," he said, "I can have my own parish and give God's word to the people every Sunday."

Trail Riders Planning Horse Show April 23

Final plans and arrangements for the annual horse show of the Medford Trail Riders were discussed at a meeting of the organization last week.

Clarence Harrison, chairman of the event, says that committee members have spent a great deal of time and effort into making the show the best in years. It will be held at the Ashland rodeo grounds on April 23.

Walter Hamby, president of the Trail Riders, will be announcer at the event.

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