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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 20, 1940
(It Was Saturday)

Fish lake road said in good
condition, but Lake O' Woods
road still impassable.

Medford high easily defeats
Ashland and Jacksonville in
track meet here.

About 160 women conclude
state convention of AAUW held
in Medford.

Southwest Oregon Presbytery
annual meeting to
open at local church April 24.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fitch is teacher
at Forest Creek school.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

April 20, 1930
(It Was Sunday)

Water turned into main canal
of Medford Irrigation district
system; 35 second feet flows
through.

Legion drum corps to make
first appearance in several
months as part of auxiliary pa
rade tomorrow.

Joe Haskins purchases Nye
apartment house building.

Emily F. Brown and Dorothy
Young, both of Medford, to gradu
ate at Willamette university at
end of summer.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

April 20, 1916
(It Was Thursday)

Mrs. George Andrews and
Miss Geraldine Theiss to sing at
Good Friday service at the Cath
olic church.

Physical education to be add
ed to list of subjects taught at
local schools; Mrs. Anna M. Brit
ton named instructor.

Phoenix high school annual
assured by receipts from senior
class play.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear
the name and address of the writer,
although under certain circum
stances the use of a pen name or
initial for publication is permis
sible. The Mail Tribune reserves
the right to edit all letters with a
view to clarification and condensa
tion. Letters submitted for publi
cation must not exceed 300 words.

Substitute for D. S. T.

To the Editor: Here is a copy
of a letter I sent to Mayor Dia
mond L. Flynn:

"I believe that I read in The
Mail Tribune that you would
welcome constructive sugges
tions regarding the question of
daylight saving time.

"It appears to me that advan
cing some of the clocks is a
very immature, in fact rather
childish way to accomplish a
good result. The good result be
ing getting town people out of
bed earlier in the morning so that
merchants can open their stores
an hour earlier in order to per
mit their employees to get out
in the afternoon in time to en
joy more daylight.

"My suggestion is to leave the
clocks and the schools alone and
to announce that beginning May
1 all stores and other places of
business who wish to cooperate
will open at 8 o'clock and close
correspondingly earlier. Country
folks get up early enough any
way and would be glad not to
have to wait around in the morn
ing for the stores to open.

"I remember that merchants
in Chicago used to close early
Saturday afternoons during the
summer without having to
change the clocks. (This was
years ago, however, before D. S.
T. was invented along with other
silly things.)"

Horace W. Thompson

Hawthorne Park

"Hawthorne Park"—sort of grows on one doesn't it?

On first consideration, the advisory committee choice, and the city council's approval of the name "Hawthorne" for the new city park didn't seem to have either memorial or euphonious basis. After a bit of reflection, however, the selection has more appeal.

WHILE many names were suggested in the poll conducted by the committee, it was interesting to note that there was no particular concentration on any certain one. Hawthorne, for instance, was advocated by three, while four favored "Pear City Park." This writer had favored "Bear Creek Park" as the proper designation but we must admit there could be some objection to that, Bear creek which runs along one side, being in somewhat bad odor at least during the low water season.—E.C.F.

City Government Problems

The city manager form of government, in theory at least, would seem to be the most efficient, and possibly more economical, but in actual practice in Oregon it appears to be the most conducive to municipal squabbling.

THERE is seldom a time when a battle isn't either brewing or actually going on in one or more of the 10 or a dozen cities of the state where managers prevail.

Latest and most violent such flareup is in Springfield, Lane county's fast-growing industrial center, where the city manager was sacked by the council a few days ago.

AN EXAMPLE of how much bitterness may be generated in such disagreements as that at Springfield may be seen in the aftermath which brought the resignation of nine city employees. The resignations were preceded by an unsuccessful attempt to recall the mayor. The city's business was described Monday as at a standstill with no one present to conduct municipal affairs.

The manager had long been between two fires. The mayor favors establishment of a public power administration to compete with the Mountain States Power company, while a sizable segment of the citizenry is opposed.

ANY evaluation of the merits of the two administrative systems as found in Oregon—the managerial form, and the mayor-city council form with a city superintendent, such as exists in Medford—must include a number of considerations.

One of the major items is the desirability if not absolute necessity of avoiding civic turmoil if real efficiency and progress are to be enjoyed.

IN THE course of executing policies and orders mostly formulated by the mayor and council, city managers are contacted by a large number of residents. Some want this, some don't want that. The pressure builds up terrifically and in course of time, unless the manager is unusually diplomatic and endowed with more than average finesse, a lot of people are after his scalp.

Under the other system, where the pressure of special interest or politics is directed against the council itself or committees thereof, there is undoubtedly less likelihood of yielding. There is also less likelihood that the party or parties exercising the pressure will be tempted to make an issue of the matter if the disliked decision is rendered after due consideration and vote of the councilmen. The pressure users realize they cannot hope to "get somebody's job" in such a case, and therefore drop the matter.

THIS line of reasoning may be only partially correct, but the fact remains that a perusal of newspapers of the state reveals more frequent civic turmoil where the managerial form prevails than in places where a mayor and city council formulate all policies and issue the orders.

THE mayor and council set-up also has its drawbacks, however, especially in the larger towns where there is much municipal business requiring attention. It is becoming more and more apparent that the duties of a mayor can be adequately handled only by a man able and willing to devote a major portion of his waking hours to the job.

It is hard to find a man with sufficient income so that his private business can be neglected in favor of the city's work. Most of the larger cities recognize the fact that a mayor should receive some compensation, beside the honor which goes with his office, and pay a salary which while not large enables the executive to carry on without actual financial hardship.

MEDFORD is one of the state's few larger municipalities where neither mayor or councilmen receive salaries. We have been very fortunate so far in having men willing and well qualified to handle the work. But the affairs of the growing city are becoming increasingly demanding and complex and there is no assurance that we may be able to go on indefinitely with the present system.—E.C.F.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our thanks to all our neighbors and friends who were so helpful and kind in our time of sorrow.
Especially do we wish to thank Rev. Satterfield for his comforting words, the Kibbey's for their musical selections, and those who were pallbearers.
Your thoughtfulness and kindness will be remembered always.
Mrs. Ethel Hackett and family.
Mrs. Emma Clark.
CARD OF THANKS
To those who expressed their sympathy in so many beautiful and practical ways during our recent bereavement, we extend our heartfelt thanks.
Mrs. Edna McKinney
Mr. Curtis McKinney
and family.

Crosstown

by Roland Coe



"I, too, used to have 'take fiddle lessons'"

Washington Report

By Bob Dickey

Washington, Apr. 20—Sen. Guy Cordon's fight against the Columbia basin account was climaxed last week when the senate rejected the O'Mahoney amendment to the rivers and harbors bill.

The defeat of the O'Mahoney amendment is doubly significant to the northwest. While the real fight was over the Basin account, the O'Mahoney amendment also had in it the authorization of 13 Columbia basin reclamation projects.

Included were the five Oregon projects: Hell's Canyon dam, Canby project, Crooked River project, The Dalles project (west unit) and the Bully creek extension of the Vale project.

In addition to defeating the O'Mahoney amendment, the senate also put the kiss of death on the Cordon amendment which would have authorized the 13 projects as a single unit for subsidy purposes but left out the overall basin account.

An authorization amendment for the 13 projects was also submitted by Sen. Taylor but it too was killed.

The real reasons for the senate tossing out the O'Mahoney amendment was the suspicion that August body had for the administration's basin account. They simply were not sure what the overall impact of the proviso actually would be.

At least partial credit for the defeat of the proviso is due to Sen. Cordon. He probably had more to do with creating the senate's suspicion of the measure than any one other person.

Sen. Cordon rarely takes the floor on the senate in active and open support of or in opposition to any legislation. He is known to operate chiefly in committees. But when Oregon's senior senator does verbally present his position to the senate chamber he is always notoriously well versed in the problem at hand. Such was the case in the basin account fight of last week.

Cordon probably understood the proviso more completely than those who were speaking in support of the amendment. The result was that even if Cordon didn't sway the senate to his point of view, he was able to create enough suspicion in the minds of a good many members that they rallied behind him to defeat the legislation.

Basin Account
But what is this basin account all about? In the past this reporter has cited to you what various groups have said the basin account actually stood for. But the most accurate appraisal of its significance can be made by saying that most likely no one really knows what the effects of such a procedure would be. Sen. Cordon, by his own confession, concedes this.

Stripped of all its legalistic trappings, the basin account could mean just this: It would provide a medium for averaging power rates in the Columbia basin. On this point everyone is agreed. Secondly, it would transfer the burden of providing irrigation subsidies from the power revenues to the taxpayers of the nation.

In other words, the real significant part of the basin account is that it is a method, though long and tortuous, for getting a direct irrigation subsidy.

Intention Of Drafters
Perhaps this is not the true interpretation of the basin account. Nevertheless, it can be reliably reported that this is what the drafters of the proviso interpret it to mean.

And quite obviously there is a method to their madness. Potential reclamation projects, which are in themselves reimbursable no longer exist in the northwest. Now the problem is to provide some medium of subsidy. But the reclamation people feel that they can't get a direct

subsidy from congress. Consequently, the basin account was developed to provide the direct subsidy in an indirect fashion.

In keeping with this is the army engineers viewpoint towards the proviso. In the past there has been a tendency to look to power revenues as a source of subsidy for irrigation. Even now on power producing reclamation projects a part of the power revenues has been said to be applicable as an irrigation subsidy.

So why do the BPA and the army engineers support the basin account? Simply because they have been informed that the irrigation subsidy provided for in the account, while it looks like it would come from the power revenues, actually comes out of the pocketsbooks of the nation's taxpayers.

ORC Summer Camp Scheduled for June
Maj. Walter C. Fingerhut, organized reserve corps instructor here, today announced that summer camp duty for 60 to 90 days, at Ft. Lewis, Wash., will be available to army reservists starting in May this year.

Application for duty may be made to ORC camp headquarters at Ft. Lewis, as headquarters commandant, or billeting, mess, assistant operations, personnel or supply officers.

The ORC here can give information on the summer duty, for which full pay and allowances are given.

Washington, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—President Truman today proclaimed May 14 as Mother's day and May 1 Child Health day.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In a sharply worded note delivered in Moscow by our ambassador, the United States charges that RUSSIAN FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN THE MISSING U. S. NAVY PATROL PLANE OVER OPEN WATERS OF THE BALTIC SEA.

A supplementary statement accompanying the note asserts that Russia OSTENTATIALLY DECORATED the Soviet airmen who did the shooting "in a manner calculated to give the impression that they are being REWARDED for shooting down an American plane."

WHAT does it mean?

Suit yourself. When I read the dispatch on the teletype, I shrugged my shoulders and put it down as another move in the "cold" war. This term "cold" war, by the way, stirs memories that aren't too pleasant. Do you remember the so-called "phony" war that preceded the German blitz into Belgium and France that ended at Dunkerque?

The phony war became real. This cold war could get hot.

THERE'S an interesting dispatch from New York by AP's William Ryan pointing out that Moscow has announced in the past half year the deaths of 15 Russian generals and admirals—some of them, Ryan adds, "rather young."

Mr. Ryan wonders if the Kremlin may be carrying on another "purge."

WHAT is a purge?

"Well, they've been fairly common in Russia. The last big one was in the mid-thirties, when a large number of generals and admirals were whisked off to firing squads. By this pleasant little device, Stalin managed to forestall AN ATTEMPT TO SEIZE POWER FROM HIM.

Purges and dictatorships, you will probably recall, go together like ham and eggs. Hitler sprung several of them—always with the idea of getting rid of people who, he thought, might be toying with the idea of GETTING RID OF HITLER.

The idea of the ruling dictator is always to PURGE FIRST.

YOU will note, naturally, the similarity between these purges and what used to happen in Chicago in the days when the municipal authorities had more or less abdicated and turned the town over to the gangsters.

When the top gangster began to suspect that some of the underlings were mulling the idea of purging him, with the thrifty thought of getting his share of the swag, he started purging.

These purgings were often done with machine guns in the open streets.

No Freedom for Tokyo

Rose During Appeal

San Francisco, Apr. 20—(U.P.)—Tokyo Rose will have to stay in prison while she appeals her conviction as a traitor.

Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, who earned the nickname Tokyo Rose for her wartime broadcasts over radio Tokyo, is serving a 10-year sentence in the federal women's penitentiary in West Virginia.

Her attorney, Wayne Collins, said nobody "seems both able and willing" to put up \$50,000 bail. He said Mrs. D'Aquino is "flat broke" and receives no letters from family or friends.

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