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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

May 2, 1940 (It Was Thursday)

British abandon southern Norway; will keep on fighting Nazis in northern part.

Seely Hall elected vice president of United Airlines.

Jacksonville protest on five-cent toll calls to be heard here May 27 and 28.

Grade schools to observe Child Health day with programs.

4-H club leaders and members to present style revue tomorrow in courthouse.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 2, 1930 (It Was Friday)

K. L. Dazey, civic council president, to become managing director of electrical promotion project.

H. T. Campbell of Eagle Point First State bank dies.

Third big alcohol seizure by sheriff's office in a week made near Phoenix.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 2, 1916 (It Was Tuesday)

H. C. Garnett, Medford, elected moderator of Rogue River Baptist association.

Charles Trautfeather purchases interest in Marsh and Carlton Transfer company here.

Talent high wins northern Oregon field and track meet.

Rogue River

Rogue River, May 1—A short business meeting was held Friday afternoon by the Civic club.

The president, Mrs. C. L. Williams, reported on her trip to the convention. Mrs. Harry Nelson resigned as secretary. Mrs. R. W. Hargitt reported. The Boy Scout Troop 27 had taken high honors at the conference in Grants Pass. Girl Scout Troop 95 has cleaned the grounds around the Civic building. Plans were made for a Mother and Daughter tea on May 12 and the next Civic club meeting date was changed to May 5.

Howard Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marshall, is recovering from an appendectomy performed last Thursday.

Allen Baldridge, real estate broker, has moved his office equipment to the Steelhead lodge on Savage creek and expects to have his new office open for business about May 10.

Seventeen members of the junior choir of Hope Presbyterian church were entertained at the country home of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Klomhaus on West Evans creek last Wednesday. The group enjoyed a picnic and weller roast followed by moving pictures shown by Dr. Klomhaus.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wiley of McCloud were visitors at the Wiley-Carter ranch on East Evans creek over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cummings of Jacksonville were guests here Saturday of Mrs. Mae Shults.

The Jackson county tax committee will meet in the Triple A office in the court house at Medford on the third Wednesday in May, according to Dave Blair. The farm income is down, he stated, and taxes are still going up, and he urged the farmers to sign up with the committee and attend the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Biles of Sams Valley have leased the L. L. Bennett ranch on East Evans creek.

Crowds at the Airport

Just how intense the interest of Jackson county residents is in aerial activity was clearly demonstrated last week-end. About all it takes to bring a crowd of interested spectators running, is for a jet to make one sweep over the valley, or for a flight of more conventional ships to circle for a landing.

It was not long ago that a B-17, the "workhorse" bomber of the European theater in World War II, circled Medford twice and started to make its landing approach. Before it was on the ground, several hundred automobiles had arrived at the airport to watch it land.

The same thing happened Saturday. The flight of five F-86 "Sabre" jet fighters circled to land, and a thousand or so air-minded folk started flocking to the airport to watch them.

When the third plane undershot the field and belly-skidded along the runway for several thousand feet, the word got around town like wildfire, and additional hundreds of people arrived within minutes to see it.

Most of them stayed around to watch other aerial activity at the port, which was extensive that day. And on Sunday, an even larger crowd attended the brief ceremonies marking the start of four-engine plane service here. The jets again made a show of it Sunday afternoon, and six navy F6F fighter planes, manned by reserve fliers, added to the attractions there.

Airport control tower men report that while Saturday and Sunday were more active than most days at the port, the run-of-the-mill days see many arrivals and departures of all types of planes—private, military and commercial.

All this is another sign of the self-evident fact that Medford is "growing up," and that it is no longer the small provincial town it once was.

In the middle of the week-end's activities, one of the controlmen in the tower said that if any more planes arrived, "I don't know where we'd park 'em." This brings up another phase of the airport's activities, and emphasized what city and aviation leaders have been thinking about for some time—the fact that the time is not too far distant when additional facilities will have to be provided at the airport.

The air-minded people in the city could well be considering how and when this can be best accomplished.—E. A.

Where Is "Up-State"?

Someone tried to define the term "upstate," the other day, and failed to do so to the satisfaction of others. An argument began over the meaning of the term, and it finally boiled down to the fact that "upstate" usually refers to anywhere where the speaker isn't.

In Portland, when residents say "upstate," they usually mean all the rest of the state. In the Willamette valley, the term quite frequently refers solely to Portland, or at least to heavily-populated Multnomah country.

In Medford, on the other hand, "upstate" is generally used in discussions of the Willamette valley, including Portland.

Oddly enough, the contrary term, "downstate," most of the time is used to designate exactly the same area as the "upstate" phrase.

Origin of the term appears to be something of a mystery to amateur etymologists, although some contend that the reference is derived from an eastern seaboard reference to "up the river." "Upstate New York" apparently refers generally to the territory up the Hudson river from Manhattan. But others partaking in the argument contended that the "up" in "upstate" comes from maps, "up" being to the north—thus "upstate" being an easy way to say "the northern part of the state."

Whatever its derivation, the term continues to mean just about whatever the speaker wants it to mean.—E. A.

124 Workers Dropped From Newbry's Office Payroll

Salem, Ore., May 2—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry disclosed today that a total of 124 employees, most of them temporary, had been dropped from the payroll in his office.

He said lack of funds in the department and inauguration of the "staggered" plan of issuing auto license plates brought about the curtailment. He said further cuts in personnel will have to be made.

Curtailment Forced "The legislature provided for a blanket \$30 a month increase for state employees but provided only \$20 a month to cover the salary boost," the secretary said. "For this reason we are forced to curtail the staff in order to avoid a deficit in the budget."

Newbry said the employment of a large staff of temporary workers to process auto plates will no longer be necessary now that the plates are issued on a staggered system of one-twelfth of the total each month.

He disclosed a survey is being made in the various divisions of the state department to determine where further reduction in personnel can be made. He said:

Total Now 607 "In some divisions we are below the number of employees we should have, but further cuts must be made even if it impairs service to some extent." Employees totaled 731 April

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Big news from London:

"Princess Elizabeth (who is expecting her second in August) may re-establish the British royal tradition of large families, Buckingham palace sources hinted today. . . . a palace "informant" tells a reporter both Elizabeth and Philip are "very child-minded." . . . the story goes on to say they might even be gunning for the record of Victoria and Albert, who had nine.

THIS thought inevitably occurs to us commoners: With a palace full of hereditary retainers, Elizabeth and Philip don't have to worry about baby sitters.

IN WASHINGTON, they're considering the idea of putting the federal government into the business of enforcing anti-gambling laws. Senator Capehart, of Indiana, doesn't think much of the idea. He tells a reporter: "Local officials can eliminate gambling ANY TIME THEY MAKE UP THEIR MINDS TO DO IT."

I THINK Senator Capehart is right, but in the interest of accuracy it ought to be added that when local officials don't enforce the laws against gambling there are usually two reasons:

1. Somebody is getting paid to let the gamblers operate. 2. The officials are afraid that if the laws against gambling are strictly enforced, the public WON'T LIKE IT.

IN A lot of our towns there is a strange and unaccountable delusion on the part of a lot of our people that a wide-open town (in which the laws against gambling are conveniently overlooked) is good for business.

IN CHICAGO the other night a couple of out-of-town conventioners went to dine at these places where the law is conveniently overlooked. Among other things, it was a "strip-tease" joint. While they watched the strip-teasers strip, they ordered eight drinks. When they finally got around to leaving the place, they were handed a bill for \$28.25. They kicked up a ruckus, and the upshot of it was that the bouncer was called and they were heaved out into an alley.

In the alley they were set upon by three husky bruisers who beat them up with black-jacks—the idea being, I suppose, to convince them that in places like that it doesn't pay to kick up a fuss about the price. Anyway, they wound up in a hospital, not only bruised and battered but wounded in spirit. Their thought was that they shouldn't have been treated that way.

In a way, I suppose they're right. Things like that shouldn't happen to a dog. But, try as I may, I can't get as much steamed up over their misfortunes as I reckon I ought to.

To begin with, they are grown-up men and grown-up men ought to know that places like that aren't run like Sunday school picnics. When you go to them you EXPECT to be gypped. If they had stayed at their convention and worked hard and learned new things about their business and made themselves more competent in their jobs (which was probably their excuse for going to the convention) they wouldn't have got into trouble.

To end up with, anybody who is willing to pay money to see the average show in the average strip-tease joint is of so low an order of intelligence as to deserve whatever he gets.

Disorderly Russian Escapes Punishment

New York, May 2—(U.P.)—A displaced Russian who smashed a glass display case and shredded pictures of Stalin and Molotov escaped punishment today.

Vladimir Alexandrow, 39, said the photographs outside a news-reel theater reminded him of his years in Russian prisons.

Theater Manager Hector Dobbins dropped a disorderly conduct charge.

IRISH RAILMEN STRIKE

Dublin, Ireland, May 2—(U.P.)—A wildcat strike of 600 government railroad workers tied up traffic on southern Ireland's main rail lines today.

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On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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Another Florida claim is disputed by one of our tireless checkers. It has been stated by a Floridian that Joseph P. Robles, of Tampa, Fla., who is 103 years old, is the oldest living Confederate veteran of the war between the states. A Brownsville, Pa., subscriber says the oldest Confederate veteran is John T. Graves, born Jan. 1, 1842, which makes him 108 years old. Mr. Graves lives at a Confederate veterans home in Higginsville, Mo.

Please Note If you take a three thousand mile trip in your automobile what do you figure the transportation costs you? An expert on the subject says it costs the average motorist six and a half cents a mile for wear and tear, one cent for insurance, one cent for maintenance and the rest for items such as oil, tires, tax payments for highways, etc. So according to that, a three thousand mile trip costs you \$195.

Sidelights California has the most automobiles. New York is second. Currently there are 20 makes of American automobiles on the market. Can you name them? Now Boston has a club for tall young people. It is called the High Hubbers. So I am informed by a male member who is 18 years old, six feet, six inches in height and still growing.

Mosquitoes The Florida Anti-Mosquito association recently held its annual convention at Fort Myers, Fla. The Florida mosquitoes are very tough. Methods successful in eliminating these pests in other states fail in Florida. Speaking of mosquito elimination in general, one method experimented with calls for amplifying the love call of the female mosquito a million times and playing it on a recording. This lures the male mosquito to a spot where instead of finding a mate, as expected, the insect is promptly electrocuted. Tried in Cuba, this system eliminated all the male mosquitoes in a square mile. However, the system does not work with the female mosquito, which will not respond to the call of a male mosquito in any form. Incidentally, it is the female mosquito that sings.

Asking Queries from clients. Q. Did you know it was Jean Bedini

Elizabeth Bentley Eyes Washington Job

Chicago, May 2—(U.P.)—Elizabeth T. Bentley, former communist spy ring courier, has quit her job as political science teacher to be available for "work in Washington," Mundelein college officials said today.

The officials said they did not know what her mission in Washington was but confirmed that her contract with the school had been cut short and that she left the staff in February.

Miss Bentley testified before a congressional committee in 1948 that she carried messages for a spy ring during the war. She said she had been a communist since 1935 but left the party in 1945 when her faith in it was shaken.

STRIPPER SUES

New York, May 2—(U.P.)—Strip Teaser Winnie Garrett sued photographer Murray Korman for \$30,000 today charging he sold pictures of her to a penny-a-peek machine. She said she suffered "mental anguish and distress."

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