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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 8, 1940

(It Was Wednesday)

Prime Minister Chamberlain given narrow vote of confidence by parliament.

Mrs. Harry Nordwick elected president of Past Matrons' club.

Colleen Winterbaldler chosen as queen for catfish derby.

Southern Oregon College of Education plans grounds beautifying project by all students on May 16.

Between 250 and 300 acres of tomatoes to be planted in the area this season, about same as last year.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 8, 1930

(It Was Thursday)

Egg supply in valley reported below normal; scarcity of hens blamed.

Oscar Brenneman of Copco presented 20-year service pin.

Midnight to noon passenger service inaugurated in Medford by Pacific Air Transport company.

Anglier ask game commission from 15 to 10.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 8, 1916

(It Was Monday)

Severe damage reported in floor of valley from heavy frost, but heated tracts and those on foothills escape.

Veda Altimus accepts position in law office of N. W. Borden.

L. W. Nelson takes over as manager of Union Oil company plant in city.

Rogue River

Rogue River, May 8—Mrs. Esther Sund of Wimer motored to the coast last week to visit relatives, and later will visit her son Robert who is a student at Reed college, Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helm from Forest Grove were in Rogue River, Thursday. Mrs. Helm said they have been stationed at Owl Camp the past winter and came to move their things from Pleasant Creek guard station. She reported there had been nine feet of snow on Wilson divide.

Sixty members of the A capella choir of Southern Oregon college, under Oscar Bjorlie, stopped in Rogue River for an hour Thursday morning, giving a program of music at the high school auditorium. The choir was on a one-day tour to Roseburg where they were scheduled to sing at the high school and at the veteran's hospital. Marilyn Streitz of highway 99 is a member of the choir.

Mrs. David L. Harbison and two children, with L. A. Constance, grandmother of David Harbison, motored to Lakeview Wednesday to visit Harbison's parents. Constance plans to return to Rogue river and spend the summer with the Harbison family.

Mrs. Susan Thorup, Fresno, Cal., is visiting her daughter Mrs. Parker Pugh, Fielder creek.

Bates Hamer has received a letter from Howard and Eunice Sowles who drove to Anchorage, Alaska, with a house trailer. They wrote they had traveled slowly and checked the wheel lugs every night and had no trouble on the trip though the roads were rough and muddy, with steep icy grades. They have purchased a lot in Spennard district, a suburb of Anchorage where the new International air-

port is being built. They are erecting a combination cafe and home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rose returned Friday evening from a ten-day trip. They visited Mrs. Rose's sons who reside in Buena Park, Cal., and Las Vegas, Nev.

Mrs. Ed Linderman is able to be up in her wheel chair again and is enjoying helping Eddie with the cooking. She underwent an operation on her hip March 25, in which the "pin" method was used.

Dead line Sunday Classified is a Noon Saturday.

Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N.Y., May 4—This is the largest city in the country and the most exciting. It is also one of the dirtiest. We don't mean the slums alone, although they are unspeakably filthy, but the entire town. And the surrounding air is full of dust and dirt, as one's shirt collar testifies after a few hours exposure. Not as bad as Los Angeles or Chicago, but far from what it was 30 or 40 years ago. Then one could wear a white shirt for three or four days and not appear too disreputable. Also one could save in laundry bills—quite an item when one's weekly stipend varied from \$15 to \$30 a week! No saving in laundry nowadays!

Yesterday we took a stroll up above 100th street in the Negro and Filipino sections. Why doesn't "Life" magazine take some shots of that part of town and issue a special "clean-up" feature. Filth is the word for it—filth vegetable and animal—if there were any minerals in that section except tin-cans they too would be contaminated. "Dead End" kids playing baseball in the streets, with trucks, wagons and push-carts on the prowl. Why there are not more people, young and old, killed in the streets of this man's town, is a major miracle. Ninety-nine per cent of them pay no more attention to red lights or the traffic rules than they do to the sanitary code.

It's a mess. And the more one sees of this Babelian Babylon the more one is impressed, and depressed—by it. Who is to blame for such a condition? The street department? The city sanitary force? Mayor O'Dwyer? They all pass the buck to the city treasury and lack of funds. We can't believe cleaning up the streets would be so expensive. If Mayor O'Dwyer had directed his treasury department to devote those post-campaign salary boosts to a street-cleaning crusade, instead of lining the pockets of himself and pals so they could spend the winter sunning themselves in Florida, we venture to say the job—or a major portion of it—could have been accomplished.

For once we agree with the local communists. In their May Day parade—only about half as large as last year's—one of the floats featured the "Glamour Boy" mayor sunning himself on the beach at Miami, while the town he was supposed to be running was stewing in its own juice. They had something there.

This parade by the way was reminiscent of the old days at Foley Square when we attended the trial of the 11 communists. For in the receiving stand at Union Square were the 11, the flourishing Dennis giving the Moscow salute (reminding one somewhat of the late and lamented Alan Hale) and all the boys in great fettle.

It was a bit incongruous, thousands of men, women and children in that Red march through the downtown section of the city, and although the Hearst papers reported egg-throwing we saw none. Some of the Broadway "kids" gave the marchers the "bird" but all in all the marchers and the watchers were orderly, and undemonstrative.

And of course these communists had a perfect right to march, and they have a right to join the party, and run for office,—at least until the Mundt-Ferguson bill passes,—a measure, which by the way, the leader of the republican party, Tom Dewey, vigorously opposes. And yet suggest that a college professor once interviewed a leader of that same organization and he is pilloried as a spy, and the head of an espionage cell. "Who's looney now?"

No doubt Soviet Russia is the No. 1 danger to this country. But second on the list we would put political partisanship,—the placing of temporary party advantage above the national welfare.

According to the United States Health Service in Washington, D.C., the hospitals of the country are so overcrowded because they are half-filled with mental cases. What would happen if all the "nuts" in the national capital—inside and outside the congress—were put where they belong? Then there would be no room at all for those suffering from physical ailments!

Your correspondent has been greatly amused by the political reactions following the defeat of Senator Pepper of Florida. Something unique in history has happened, the victor, Congressman Smathers, has been (in effect), congratulated by the political heads of BOTH parties!

Chairman Gabrielson, the GOP factotum, for example, exults over the triumph of liberty over socialism, rugged individualism over regimentation, 100 per cent Americanism over communism, etc., etc., etc.—the "coup de grace" for the Fair Deal!

The chairman of the democratic national committee, somewhat more restrained, congratulates the victor on his triumph and expresses confidence that his record of constructive and enlightened statesmanship as a member of the house will even be surpassed by the record he will make in the senate!

This is certainly something for the book. Imagine the hosannas and paeans of praise and rejoicing from the democratic leadership if Pepper HAD won! But, of course, as a member of the party had triumphed the head of the democratic national committee could hardly keep still,—much as he probably would have liked to have done so.

In this particular instance the somewhat moth-eaten and battle-scarred elephant has all the best of it. For there is no denying the fact that this reasonable young Smathers followed almost word by word the republican committee line.

We don't know how fully his campaign was reported in Oregon, but there was a fairly detailed account here in New York which added up to this: Pepper was a pal of Henry Wallace.

He was a fellow-traveler and Russian appeaser. He approved of the regimented state and opposed personal liberty. He advocated socialized medicine and the welfare state. Smathers was opposed to all this and, if elected, would uphold the freedom-loving "American way."

Naturally this victory put young Mr. Smathers somewhat on a spot. So when the Gabrielson congratulations came in he proceeded as a good democrat to repudiate them and declare—with a perfectly straight face,—that he did not approve the republican line and on his return to the upper house would be a loyal and dependable supporter of the Truman administration!

Ho hum—WHAT a farce!

This seems to be a season for disappointments, politically speaking. There was John Foster Dulles and now another of our former favorites, ex-Governor Stassen, who is supposed to be the president of a great university—Pennsylvania—but devotes most of his time to politicking. Says Mr. Stassen:

"President Truman is the worst president and the best politician in American history."

Imagine such an absurd statement from the leader of a great educational institution,—what must his political and history professors think of him!

Does Stassen honestly believe Harry Truman has made a worse president than Warren G. Harding or General Grant?

And how can he put Mr. Truman as a politician in the same class with Franklin Delano Roosevelt,—the latter a super genius in that direction?

Again it only shows what partisanship can do to a man—the man the undersigned favored for president above all other candidates only two years ago!

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Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Show them the one YOU caught, Dear!"

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This changing-world note:

Down in San Anselmo they have a city ordinance providing that horses must be tethered at least 20 feet away from dwellings. Two housewives have just appeared before the council to demand that this distance be increased.

"Horses," they explain to the city fathers, "are UNSANITARY. Their presence interferes with the use of our patios."

IN THE olden, golden days we were acutely suspicious of men who smelled of cologne, but respected and usually admired those who smelled faintly of the stables.

THE ECHOES of Florida election at which young Smathers took Big Chief Pepper to the cleaners are still rumbling up and down the political canyons. The big medicine men of politics are figuring out what it all meant—and, as usual, each figures it according to his own PERSONAL interest.

For example: To Senator Taft, the SIGNIFICANT THING about the Florida primary is "that the big labor party went down there to defeat Smathers because he was for the Taft-Hartley law. He adds: "The people of Florida were FOR the Taft-Hartley law, and I believe that indicates the attitude in other states."

Jack Kroll, director of the CIO political action committee (which fought Smathers tooth and nail) views the Florida results as "the triumph of a sinister conspiracy to impose upon our country a cruel and reactionary program."

He adds: "The tactics we have just seen in Florida will be used in every state, and this challenge will be met."

SMATHERS himself, by the way, calls the election "a victory of liberalism as opposed to

radicalism." It is proof, he says, that "the people of Florida do not wish to venture off the side roads of extremism or socialism."

WILLIAM BOYLE, democratic national chairman, plays the cards close up against his vest. He congratulates Smathers on his victory, and wires Pepper (who will be a voting member of the senate until next January):

"We are still depending on you for support in the democratic party's battle against reactionary republicanism."

WHAT about Pepper? Well, he just issues a statement expressing appreciation to his "noble, gallant army of supporters" for what they did for him.

He would have appreciated it more, I take it, if they had done MORE for him, but anyway he puts it gracefully.

ONE IS reminded somehow of Plutarch's story about Aristides (called The Just) in his big political battle with Themistocles. On election day, Aristides was walking the streets of Athens when he was accosted by a strange citizen from out in the sticks. The citizen couldn't write, so he asked Aristides to mark his ballot for him AGAINST Aristides.

He agreed, but wanted to know why the citizen was going to vote that way. "Has this Aristides ever injured you?" he asked.

"No," the citizen replied. "Never have I set eyes on him. But oh! I am so bored by hearing him called Aristides the Just."

THAT happened some 2,000 years ago. The underlying principles of politics, including why people vote the way they do, don't vary much, you see, from century to century.



Growth of the Soil

On two-thirds of the land area of the Pacific northwest the natural growth of the soil is trees. Only a few valleys are fit for farming. The soil is not only good for tree growing but the climate, the native timber species and the general topography combine to give us the nation's greatest natural forest region.

Our prospect is good for large units of scientifically managed forests in the future—sustained yield units in forestry jargon—once the legal and economic questions of uniting the many kinds of ownerships have been solved. These units may be national or state forests, or privately owned tree farms, or groups of small farm forests organized in cooperatives like the one that is already a going concern in Snohomish county, Washington.

The soil is the thing. Forestry has little to do in the stands of virgin timber, apart from surveys and protection from fire and tree diseases. The big job of forestry is in keeping the soil productive under the log harvest, getting new tree growth started and controlling fire. On public lands or private lands, the forester and the logger must team up, if the basic forest resource—the soil—is to be kept productive.

Forestry begins at the stump, even as lumbering begins there. Tree Farmers

It is in the growth of the soil that the term "tree farming" has its real roots, its vital meaning. The logger compares to the wheat rancher in that both harvest the growth of the soil. Each harvest must leave the soil in productive condition or eventually the wheat ranch will become desert land and the forest land will become barren.

The scientist whose business it is to find ways and means to keep agricultural soil productive and to improve its crops is called an agronomist. The forester's business is the same, except that

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On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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We flew into Manhattan last night from Florida. A rugged trip. Plane was two hours late on a scheduled three hours and forty-five minutes trip. Some of the delay was experienced at Washington, the only scheduled stop on the trip. The plane had to circle the Washington airport for 45 minutes waiting for a chance to land. Our dog was up front in a box. I was really worried about him. However, at the Idlewild airport he came out of the box with tail wagging. A remarkable animal.

Unusual Weather

Didn't get my wish to escape "unusual weather" on arrival in New York. It was raining and chilly. I understand the rain-makers hired by Mayor O'Dwyer had something to do with this particular rain. In any event, they took credit for it. The driver of the car that took us in from the airport was very bitter about the way nature, possibly aided by the rain-makers, has been acting lately. He said his flower garden has been ruined.

Sun Seeker

Rain is something I am growing very weary of. If things don't change I think I'll move out to the desert at Las Vegas, Nev., near the Flamingo hotel. Only trouble with living in those desert places is that while you get a lot of sleep in air conditioned rooms. Anyway if a fellow came in right now humming, whistling or warbling that ditty "Singing in the Rain" I would throw my typewriter at him.

Please Note

The finest hair for wigs or toupees is that of Italian girls. This hair sells for the equivalent of \$100 a pound. It is used more for male toupees than female wigs. From this Italian hair are made toupees which are practically undetectable. Among the world's best customers for toupees are film actors. The fact that certain male film stars wear toupees has been given much publicity, but there are also bald headed Hollywoodians wearing them who are not even suspected of featuring false hair.

Sidelights

Ever hear of "Lovely Lucy"? Moore? Neither did I until the other day. Lucy was a showbiz entertainer of the yesterday. She was a singer and dancer. She weighed 669 pounds. . . . Do you know who originated the sugar cube? It was Henry Tate, British sugar refiner, in 1876. Perhaps this isn't important information. Still, men who originated things used by millions of people should get credit for their ingenuity. There are a lot of people who

Walter Hampden. Brilliant Thespian specializing in Shakespearean roles. Was born in Brooklyn. My claim that no matter what activity is being discussed I can name an outstanding member in it from Brooklyn recently received a setback. "Name a great xylophone player from Brooklyn" was what a man challenged me to do. I was baffled. I had to give him a stogie.

Bill Salade

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The degree teams, tableau workers and chorus are asked to be at the hall Tuesday, May 9, at 8:30 p. m. for practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron were elected alternate delegates to State Grange convention to be held at Ontario in June.

The Grange voted to assist other organizations of Gold Hill in giving a banquet for the senior class of the Gold Hill high school the last of May. Those serving on the Grange committee are Mesdames Loeffler, Edgington and Edwards.

HEC Chairman Ethel Askin announced a food sale to be held Saturday, May 13, at Lester's store. Grange ladies are asked to donate.

The lecture hour was turned over to the agriculture committee, which introduced Frank Rowe of the PMA administration of Medford, who gave a very interesting and instructive talk on agriculture improvements and advancement.

This was followed by several musical numbers given by Miss Mary Estramada and her father, D. Estramada, singing the numbers in Spanish.

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