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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County Hi-
story from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 9, 1940

(It Was Thursday)

County political campaign

rated quietest in memory of old-
est inhabitant.

Marianne Perl crowned queen

of the May at Jackson school.

Mr. and Mrs. Aris Throck-

morton, Ruch, observe 66th wed-
ding anniversary.

Prospect grade school to stage

circus tomorrow evening.

Local service clubs to hear

plans and aspirations of cham-
ber of commerce at meetings on
Monday.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 9, 1930

(It Was Friday)

Laundrymen from Washing-

ton, Oregon and California open
meetings in Medford.

Revised figures show 13,422

voters in county; 9,509 republi-
cans and 3,911 democrats.Erection of new hotel at Cen-
tral Point by Andre Chomel pro-
gressing.

Softball league to start season

next Monday evening.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 9, 1916

(It Was Tuesday)

Bert Anderson, chairman of

Republican central committee,
unable to take active part in
campaign due to visit in Cali-
fornia.Post office takes over new fed-
eral building facilities.City reservoir cleaning re-
veals less extraneous matter
found than usual.

GOP Office Seekers

To Speak Tonight

Republican candidates for state

representatives from Jackson
county, county commissioner,
sheriff, engineer and justice of
the peace will be guests and
speakers at a meeting at 8 p.m.
today at Medford hotel.Jackson County Young Republi-
can club is the sponsor. Mem-
bers of the county central com-
mittee and the Jackson County
Republican Women have been
asked to come and all others in-
terested are invited.

Mayor of Madras

Will Resign Office

Madras, Ore., May 9—(U.P.)—

Mayor Howard Krix will sub-
mit his resignation to the city
council here today.

Krix informed councilmen by

letter Monday that he intended
to resign because city affairs
took too much of his time from
his pharmacy business.

He was elected mayor to fill

the vacancy left by the resig-
nation of Mayor Adrian Smith last
December.

Communicable Disease

Report Down to 23

Communicable disease report-

ed to the county health depart-
ment last week dropped to 23,
the department said today.Mumps, with 13 cases in Med-
ford and one in Ashland, led the
list.

Scattered cases of influenza

(3), chicken pox (2), rheumatic
fever (1), pneumonia (1), measles
(1), and croup (1) were also
reported.

Boy Scouts Are OK

The Boy scouts are doing all right. Some 350 of them spent Saturday night and much of Sunday at Hilltop ranch, near Griffin creek, this week-end, and it was a fine sight to see—that many youngsters getting training and experience which will be a strength and asset to them the rest of their lives.

IN SOME ways, this seems to be a "Scout year." First there was the Scouting exposition at the Medford armory, which attracted an estimated 3,000 people to witness the wide variety of displays of "Scout fun and activities." Next, there was this week-end's camp-o-ree, and later in the summer, a large group of young men from this area will make the long trip across the continent to Valley Forge, Pa., where the national Boy scout jamboree will be held.

In addition to these, the regular Scout summer outing at Camp McLoughlin, at Lake O' Woods, will be held.

MORE than one soldier during World War II found his lot inestimably easier because of the training which he received as a Boy scout. And the independence of action, the familiarity with the outdoors, the "know-how" which scouts gain through their training and activity will always stand many of them in good stead—if not in the army, then on the innumerable fishing and hunting trips which are a part of the American tradition.

ONE of the fine things about the scout movement is that it is largely a volunteer organization. Leaders are adults who are familiar with the benefits which the boys receive, and who are willing to give up their own time in order that the youngsters can gain the invaluable training which the scouts offer.

In the entire Crater Lake Area council, which includes an area extending from north of Grants Pass, out to Cave Junction, and south to Yreka, there are only three full-time, paid scout leaders. Cliff Hanson is the local executive, and head of the entire area. His assistants are Jim Harpole, in Grants Pass, and Larry Lundin.

WHEN you consider that more than 2,500 boys participate in this program in the area, it is well to remember that the hundreds of scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, troop, pack and senior unit committee-men, pack leaders and den mothers, and council organizational workers, are all volunteers, working without pay and without any reward whatsoever, except the considerable satisfaction they receive from knowing that their work is worthwhile.—E.A.

In A Nutshell

Perhaps the simplest way to describe the conditions of Oregon's finances is to say that this biennium we are spending \$25 million more than we will take in; that in three years, if no new taxes are levied, we will be broke. That if the basic school increase, the bonus and additional welfare costs are voted we will be broke sooner. That when the state is broke property owners will get the bills.

(State Representative Giles French, writing in his Sherman County Journal, as quoted in The Oregon Voter.)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OFF for a two-day meeting in the city. I wonder what modern business men would do with this "meeting" system. I'm afraid we'd be up a stump. Really, though, you can learn a lot at these meetings that present-day business sets so much store by if you keep your ears open and listen. You're almost sure to meet somebody who knows more than you do. After all, listening to somebody who knows more than you do is the best possible way to gain knowledge.

IN THE eight miles between Mt. Shasta City and Dunsmuir, there is at least a month's difference in season. In Mt. Shasta, the trees are just nicely budded out. In Dunsmuir, they're practically in full leaf. Elevation makes a lot of difference. manzanita is usually in full bloom long before this. From a swiftly moving car, at least, no bloom is usually in full bloom. Also, no California poppies are to be seen yet north of Red Bluff. This is a late spring.

SPEAKING of flowers, Union Square is aflame now with its annual spring rhododendron show. They're planted in tubs, and I presume they're brought in from the city's park gardens. Anyway, they've been to college and have learned how to grow masses of bloom and relatively little foliage. With the bright spring sunshine falling on them, they're a sight for sore eyes.

ORLAND years ago went in for citrus fruit in a big way. These far north oranges didn't turn out too well, and the Orland country changed over heavily to dairying. The irrigated pastures are full of Jersey, Guernsey and Holstein cows, knee-deep in luxuriant clover. I know of no sight more peaceful and pleasant than a pasture full of cows that are full of clover and contentment.

BY THE way, how long has it been since you've had a big pitcher of cream on your table that you've felt free to use as recklessly as everybody always WANTS to use cream? If you are in normal circumstances, I'll guess it has been quite a while. The chances are you use half-and-half, or this modern 10 per cent stuff instead. Whipping cream is just too rich for modern world's blood.

O! fiddlesticks! Now I've gone and put my foot in it again and my name will be mud with all my good friends who are in the dairy business and think it's wonderful for the government to buy up the butter and stash it away to keep the price up. But it does seem like kind of a pity for all these beautiful cows to be wearing their lives away just to fill the warehouses up with butter while people go on eating margarine.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Gee whiz, Gramp! After I been tellin' the guys what phenomenal eyesight you got for a man your age, y' oughta TRY 'em see how these piches are goin' right over the plate!"

Editorial Comment

HAL BOYLE "DISCOVERS" PUTNAM

The following editorial from the Eugene Register Guard is reprinted here not only as a tribute to a newspaperman, but because of the interest in the subject due to the fact that George Putnam was at one time the editor of The Mail Tribune.

Most of us in the newspaper business in Oregon have been George Putnam fans ever since we can remember, but it has remained for Hal Boyle, the touring columnist of Associated Press, to "discover" Mr. Putnam and introduce him to the nation's readers with appropriate flourishes. All of us in Oregon have known the vigor of Mr. Putnam's utterances and sometimes we have felt his blows, but Mr. Boyle, visiting Salem last week, brought out a few facts concerning this veteran which most of us did not know before.

"Nobody likes to end up his day's work by getting a fistful of brass knuckles in his face. As a young newspaper editor George Putnam found that this was occasionally the price he had to pay for using his freedom of the press to criticize public officials. After he was attacked for the third time, he put a public notice in his paper:

"A closed season on editors is established as of now. Violators will be killed on sight."

Putnam then got himself a pistol permit, and kept a loaded gun in his desk. After that the threats still came—but no brass knuckles.

At 78, looking back on more than 50 turbulent years of newspaper work, Putnam today can't think of a better philosophy than the one he coined in the early years of the century:

"The paper that has no enemies has no friends."

Mr. Putnam is one of the all-too-few surviving specimens of the race of self-made editor-publishers which has almost vanished. The time has gone by when "a wandering printer with a satchel of type" could barge into a town and start a paper of his own. As newspaper publishing has developed into a highly technical and costly enterprise, it has tended to become more and more an impersonal business afflicted with most of the ills which attend big business. In the Hutchins' report a few years ago there was an interesting and subtle comment upon the effect which these changes have had upon newspaper content:

"Information tends to be replaced by 'news.' That is to say, by 'stories' which may have very great reader interest but very little importance for the information of the public. Information as a public service tends to be crowded out by the 'entertainment' features of the newspaper."

It could also be charged that the editorial pages have deteriorated. In many places the editorial page has ceased to be the editor's sharp-edged weapon in the effort to become "judicial and impartial." It has achieved only a sterile and vacuous neutrality. None of these complaints could be lodged against Mr. Putnam or his Salem Capital-Journal. Boyle relates:

"Editor Putnam, a slim, blue-eyed, white-haired man of gentle appearance, has never backed away from a fight.

"We've had more libel suits filed against us—we've been boycotted more often—than any paper in Oregon. I've won every libel suit against me—so far as court decisions go. And I've been boycotted by the Ku Klux Klan, the Prohibitionists (I always ran a wet paper in a Methodist town), labor unions, the Townsend movement, and the gambling interests."

How much has it cost him over the years to fight for what he believed in?

"When I came here in 1919, the paper had a circulation of less than 5,000 daily. Now it is over 18,000. Anytime you give the public the truth as you see it—well, it pays. Anytime you put the truth up to them, and explain it so they can understand it, they'll support you—so long as they feel you really stand for better government. You don't have to worry about boycotts or libel suits."

To say that Mr. Putnam has been a power for decency and truth in his home town and in his state would be a great understatement. His colleagues in the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association have not got around to awarding him the Voorhies prize for public service mainly because he does not mingle very much and because he is not the kind of person who works for prizes and awards, but they all read his paper every day and wait to see what he is going to say next. A Pulitzer committee will not be needed to say that George Putnam has given Salem one of the best newspapers in Oregon and one of the very best in the United States.

Legal Action Resumes In Roseburg Milk War

Roseburg, Ore., May 9—(U.P.)—Legal action in the Roseburg milk war went into its second day today before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Attorneys for the plaintiff, the Umpqua Dairy Products company, concluded their opening argument and introduction of testimony Monday.

The company's suit is for an injunction to prevent picketing of the dairy.

Defendants are 16 members of the Umpqua Valley Milk Producers association and the local AFL

union.

Paul Geddis, Roseburg, and William Riddlesbarger, Eugene, are counsel for the company.

Defense attorneys are Daniel Dimmick, Roseburg, and Donald B. Richardson, Portland.

New York, May 9—(U.P.)—Police said Horace Pedro Galindez, 22, a seaman, set 14 fires, five in his own apartment building, and went to bed and to sleep. All fires were quickly extinguished. Police booked Galindez for ar-

son.

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Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Member of Congress From Oregon

The omnibus rivers and harbors and flood control authorization bill, which has just been cleared by congress, carries important additional authorization for the Willamette valley flood control project. Increased costs since the original project was authorized plus some additions caused by revised plans, made a larger authorization figure necessary.

The authorization bill referred to has been widely criticized as a "pork" bill—meaning an opportunity for members of congress to grab juicy slices for their districts. I cannot see much justification for this criticism. The bill does two things. It adjusts previously made cost estimates of projects now under construction. It represents final approval for new projects which may or may not be constructed in the long future. That bill does not appropriate or spend any money. Similar authorization bills in the past have piled up a back-log of approved plans totaling more than 700 projects, but only some 70 projects are now under construction and appropriations for starting new projects are not being allowed this year.

I think some of the screaming about the rivers and harbors and flood control bill has been in the nature of a smoke screen for the purpose of distracting attention from the deficit-spending appropriations bill now under consideration.

NEW JERSEY republicans have formulated a party platform with only 28 words in it which, to my way of thinking, is the best statement of republican philosophy, aims, and objectives I have ever seen. Here it is:

"America can be saved from communism and bankruptcy."

"America's problems can be met by her great people without

loss of their liberties."

"We dedicate ourselves to this undertaking."

FOR THE FOURTH consecutive time there is serious war talk while congress has an appropriations bill under consideration. The intensity of the war scare usually seems to be in proportion to the size of the appropriation being considered for the armed services. This time the bill calls for the largest amount ever appropriated for the armed forces in peacetime. Due to the present very serious tension the amount will be increased.

At first I was inclined to believe these crisis were home-made. It seemed the war talk might be drummed up by the administration and the defense department for the purpose of scaring congress into appropriating more money. A check of the facts disproves this idea. The war threats have actually been generated by the Russians. They caused us to start the famous air-lift while an appropriations bill was under consideration. Even though the president did not announce the fact until the house-senate conference was endeavoring to decide on the amount of arms aid to Europe, Russia did explode an atomic bomb while that bill was under consideration. Lately the Russians shot down an airplane. The repercussions of that act continue to cause tension. Very serious developments may yet result from the murderous Russian action.

The conclusion I am compelled to reach is that the Russian government is very anxious to have us continue our ruinous administration policy of deficit spending.

As gold has been banned by the federal government for coinage, it is now used principally in jewelry and dentistry.

Oakridge Slaying Trial Continues

Eugene, Ore., May 9—(U.P.)—

The trial of 24-year-old James Lloyd Thompson, Oakridge, Ore., charged with the fatal shooting of Police Chief Clyde Dubell March 19, continued today with opening statements by the defense and prosecution.

Monday a jury of 11 women and one man was chosen.

Police said Thompson fired two shots that killed Dubell as the police chief tried to arrest him for disorderly conduct. Thompson surrendered meekly the same day after an intense manhunt over the hills surrounding Oakridge.

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