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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 10, 1940 (It Was Friday)

Hitler loosens blitzkrieg against Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg; Winston Churchill succeeds Neville Chamberlain.

Harry Thurman first, Ned Niebman second and Gall Thomson third in oratory contest conducted by local Elks lodge.

Junior-senior prom scheduled tomorrow night at high school.

About 18 cars of pears and 10 of apples reported in storage in Medford.

Reese Creek WCTU institute to hear Mrs. Minnie Bryant, Medford, as speaker.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 10, 1920 (It Was Saturday)

Willanette Art Tile company to move plant to Medford.

A. E. Elder named timber cruiser by county court; to select three crews for work.

Local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to hear the Rev. W. H. Eaton of Baptist church in Mother's day sermon.

MacMarr's store to close Monday for remodeling and enlargement of quarters.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 10, 1916 (It Was Wednesday)

William H. Canon, Medford, nominated by President Wilson as register of land office at Roseburg.

Board of education calls for election to vote \$8,000 on repairs and improvements at Washington school.

Dr. George E. Jarvis, Ashland reads paper at Southern Oregon Medical association meeting at Roseburg.

Awards Announced by Journalist Fraternity

Chicago, May 10—(U.P.)—Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, today announced its annual awards for distinguished service in American journalism.

Honored for work performed in 1949 were: General reporting—Bob Conside, international news service; editorial writing—John Crider, Boston Herald; editorial cartooning—Herbert L. Block, Washington Post; Washington correspondence—Jack Steele, New York Herald-Tribune; foreign correspondence—Kingsbury Smith, International News Service; news pictures—The Chicago Daily News; newspaper cartooning—Milton Caniff, radio news writing—Elmer Davis, American Broadcasting Company; radio reporting—Sid Pletzsch, WFAA, Dallas, Tex.; Public service in radio journalism—station WTTs, Bloomington, Ind.; Magazine reporting—Lester Vile, Collier's; research about journalism—Edwin Emery, University of Minnesota.

The awards, consisting of bronze medallions and certificates, were determined by groups of newspaper editors, radio news executives, journalism school deans and public officials.

NO CENSUS TO SPARE

Ada, Okla.—(U.P.)—Paul Henderson, district census supervisor, reported one of his workers called at a local home but was turned away by the resident who said, "Get out of here now, I got no census to spare."

Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., May 6—This promises to be a perfectly cock-eyed campaign. Perhaps not materially worse than others in some directions. But certainly more confusing in one direction, namely:

"Not only do the two major parties promise to stage the usual sham-battle of nonsense, but they promise to fight—or at least refuse to agree—among themselves."

As President Truman, for example, starts on his "whistle stop" campaign across the country, he maintains the danger of war with Russia is less than it was a year or two ago, and consequently less will be spent next year than this, on defense. Very comforting!

But not only the President's Chief-of-Staff General Bradley, but one of his most loyal party supporters Senator Tydings of Maryland, take precisely the opposite view—and at the same time General Bradley maintains conditions are worse than they were a year ago, relations with Russia are deteriorating, so he pleads for a continuation of the draft, and a general increase of preparedness, and national awareness.

Senator Tydings is so discouraged by the outlook that he publicly declares war with Soviet Russia may break out ANY DAY.

And to make the split between the President and leaders of his party on this vital issue even more pronounced A. A. Berle Jr., former Democratic Under-Secretary of State, declares over the air, quote: "The hour is very late. We are passing the point of 'no return.' America must reckon on possible war within three years. That is the terrible fact which most American politicians either do not realize or are afraid to mention."

It seems fair to assume the gentleman so prominent in the Democratic platform during the Roosevelt administration, classifies the present leader of his party as "one of the American politicians" who either does not realize the seriousness of the present international situation or is afraid to mention the fact.

This conflict of opinion within the party is, however, not confined to the Democrats.

Within the past few weeks the record shows outstanding and highly respected Republicans like Vandenberg of Michigan, Stinson of New York, and Flanders of Vermont, outraged by the irresponsible tactics of Senator McCarthy and scathingly condemn them; while equally prominent members of the party like Taft of Ohio, Dulles of New York, and Wherry of Nebraska uphold the Wisconsin tub-thumper as a hero fighting against heavy odds to purge this fair land of espionage agents and foreign spies within the Truman administration.

Along the same line the present titular leader of the GOP, Governor Dewey of New York, gave the chief \$100 a plate-address here in Manhattan Friday, only a short time after the chairman of the Republican National committee returned from a swing-around-the-circle in his party's interest.

A man from Mars reading the reports from these two prominent Republicans would assume they were not only NOT members of the same political organization but were bitter opponents, for:

Chairman Gabrielson insisted his party is enthusiastically united against the "welfare state" which is leading the country toward socialism and the destruction of American liberty, whereas—

The Governor of New York devoted practically his entire speech to pointing with pride to the high type of "welfare state" he has created here in New York—unemployment insurance, rent control, medical aid, housing, old-age assistance, public power and state highway projects, etc., etc., and over Democratic opposition.

In other words the leader of the Republican party favors the principles of the "welfare state" and puts them into practice, in New York, while his party chairman opposes them when identical principles are supported and advanced by the Democratic party in Washington!

Or to express the same idea in a third-way: The Democrats are wrong when they OPPOSE the principles of the "welfare state" in New York, and also wrong when they FAVOR them in Washington, D. C. This used to be known as "tails we win, heads you lose!"

It is difficult enough for the "man in the street" to make head or tail out of a political campaign when the two major parties are united and clearly opposed on definite issues; but what is the poor helpless pedestrian to do this year, when there is no agreement not only BETWEEN the parties but WITHIN them?

At last a little ray of sunshine amid the encircling gloom. After four days of rain it did not rain today—nor did it clear—but the Yankees and the Cleveland Indians played a double-header in a fog up at the Yankee stadium, and your correspondent was able to get there while the national anthem was being sung, and before the Yankees took the field.

There was what Los Angleans used to call a "high fog" but what New Yorkers term a "mist"—very unusual for this time of year. (According to the Weather Man, the Harvard rain-maker is not to blame, but the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf Stream—although we have not been able to determine the exact meteorological contributions made by each.)

At any rate we had the pleasure of seeing our old pal of San Diego, Luke Easter, hit two home runs with that easy swing and beautifully smooth follow-through of his, thus winning the first game for Cleveland 5 to 4. As usual, the Yankees scared the Indians to death, coming within 1 run of tying the score in the last half of the ninth, but the fire was finally put out when we left at 6:30 p. m. (these Big League games take a terribly long time) the score was 5 to 4 in favor of the Yanks. We have no doubt they won. But the Indians are probably content to split even with the Yankees, and tomorrow the Detroit leaders will be here and we have hopes of seeing the New York world champs taken to the cleaners again.

Luke Easter is a negro—a huge barn-door of a man—who swings the hickory stick as if it were a hoe handle in his tremendous arms and hands. The crowd, naturally pro-Yank, gave him a great reception after he hit two homers and a double.

At San Diego he played first base, but with the Indians he plays right field. He played the position well, too, and at one point nearly gained baseball immortality by tabbing a home-run clout into the bull pen, but failing to hold it as he fell over the gate. He tried to vault the gate on his return and again failed to make it, his colored co-partner the Cleveland center-fielder, helping him to his feet, and over.

Incidentally the great Joe DiMaggio had an off-day, failing (while we were there) to get a hit and for the first time we heard him get boos instead of cheers. Easter was the hero of the day.

Later: Correct—The Yanks won as usual. But they had to bring in their star fireman Joe Page who made monkeys out of the Dodgers at last year's World series, to do it—final score 7 to 4.

At last a clear morning, the first one in a week or ten days. A temperature close to 80 is predicted this afternoon. With the humidity around 100 as usual that will be tough on the Pacific Coast brood, but by this time some of them should be acclimated.

EGB might be pleased to know that the Cantabs won on the Severn yesterday against Penn and the Navy, making better time than the Elis at the same distance. So it might be worth a trip to New London next month.

Another black mark for the Youth of Greater New York. A soccer team of kids from Germany, no more Nazis than Luchows down on 14th street, were pelted with tomatoes and apples when they were greeted at City Hall by Acting Mayor Impellietari. The pelters were members of the Jerusalem Youth Brigade, alleged defenders of racial quality!

Tolerance like other things depends upon whose ox is gored. —R.W.R.

Central Point Council Sees Crossing Danger

Central Point, May 10—A complaint claiming that the railroad crossing on Pine street here is dangerous is being prepared by City Attorney O. H. Bengtson on instruction of the city council. It will be submitted to the Oregon public utilities commission, city officials said.

The complaint will demand that Southern Pacific company be required to install adequate warning signals at the crossing. In other recent action the council passed an ordinance prohibiting burning of garbage anywhere within the city and forbidding the burning of rubbish in a new fire district except in incinerators approved by the fire chief. The district includes the property from First street to

the railroad through the city and a strip between Oak and Manzanita streets from Front to Fifth streets through the business section.

You are paying out of your pay check for government waste. Let's increase your pay by stopping unnecessary government expense. WAYNE MORSE HASN'T DONE IT. LOOK AT THE RECORD.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

I was rolling down the highway the other day at a flat 55, right on the nose of the California limit, when I passed a cop. So far as I know, down here on the flat valley roads they don't bother you at a few miles over the limit if you are paying attention to your knitting and doing a good job, but you know how it is when you pass a cop. It's like it used to be when you were a child, playing happily with other children. Maybe you were being an angel, but when an ADULT came on the scene you had a little twinge of guilt and went a bit tense until you saw how the adult was going to react to the situation. That's what the presence of AUTHORITY does to us.

At the precise moment, I noted that the car just ahead was a white-license GOVERNMENT car and the thought struck me that if the cop nails me he'll have to nail this government guy too. The thought was so pleasing that I relaxed and became my natural self again.

NOW isn't that a heck of a note? I don't doubt that the government employee driving the car with the white license was a most estimable person. Most of them are. I suspect that if we had stopped for a refreshing cup of tea—or even a bottle of beer to break the monotony of the long road—we might have fallen easily into conversation and out of the incident might have grown a lasting friendship.

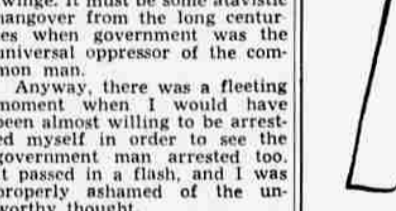
Still, there was that little instinctive edge of animosity toward the white license that spotted the car as a government car and at the same time spotted its driver as a government man. I'll bet you've felt the same twinge. It must be some atavistic hangover from the long centuries when government was the universal oppressor of the common man.

Anyway, there was a fleeting moment when I would have been almost willing to be arrested myself in order to see the government man arrested too. It passed in a flash, and I was properly ashamed of the unworthy thought.

Aren't human reactions funny? THE cop paid us no heed as we slid past him. Why should he? We were going about our lawful business in a perfectly lawful way. COPS TOO are human beings. And, as human beings, they're at least 98 per cent

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SOC Places 14 in Schools of County

Ashland, May 10—Southern Oregon college placement bureau has gained 14 teaching positions for its graduates in schools of Jackson county for next year.

The bureau reported that 40 teachers had been placed already in Oregon and northern California. Credentials of other students have been sent to schools requesting teachers.

Mrs. Mabel Winston, registrar, stated that all graduates will be placed by June. While difficulties are being encountered by

graduates of other schools, employment of Southern Oregon college students is exceptionally good this year.

Teachers placed in Jackson county are Barney Riggs and Francis Farthing at Talent; Richard Schuchard, Lone Pine; Florence Bailey, Beulah Jensen and John E. Myers at Phoenix; Francis Guidry and Lorna Jage at Jacksonville; Karl Hayes at Oak Grove; Laura Phillips, Griffin Creek; Fred Taylor and Gwen Somers, Eagle Point, and Wil-

Ham Ruch and Wallace Turnidge, Central Point.

been offside, the state cop might even have arrested the government man first. State cops, under their uniforms, are just people. As such, they have the same instinctive hangovers as you and I. Just as yours and mine, their ancestry goes back through the long centuries to that dim and distant time when GOVERNMENT was almost invariably an OPPRESSOR. In his blood, doubtless, are the same dregs of resentment from that period when government gave to the privileged few the right to abuse and exploit the unprivileged many.

In a given set of circumstances, we human beings all tend to act in a given way.

I think I'd like to end this philosophical piece with the hope that the time NEVER COMES in America when we lose this faint trace of resentment toward BIG government.

It traces back, I think, to the barons at Runnymede and to unwashed, smelling-of-sweat Wat Tyler and his rebellion. It was out of things like this that our Bill of Rights came, and our Bill of Rights is the most precious possession we have. If we ever get careless and let ourselves lose it we'll be gone gossings, our liberties will be up the creek and government will have us by the throat again.

We mustn't EVER let that happen.

Ham Ruch and Wallace Turnidge, Central Point.

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Advertisement for SHAW'S shoes featuring a woman's face and a shoe. Text: WE FIT THE NARROW FOOT AAAA to B. Naturalizer FUNSTERS are right for any job... WHITE MARACAIN RED ELK 795. "The Store with a Personality" 34-36 N. Bartlett