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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 23, 1940

(It Was Thursday)

Ward B. Spatz, county democ-

ratic chairman, urged for simi-

lar state position.

Robert Forbes and Joe Eller

fly to Shady Cove for fishing

excursion.

Mrs. George Coddling and Miss

Margo Boyle take Class A and

B low net golf tourney honors

at club.

Mrs. R. J. Earl elected chair-

man of local branch of National

League of Mothers of America.

Griffin Creek extension unit

elects Mildred Isaacs chairman.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 23, 1930

(It Was Friday)

Crater lake road to be cleared

by Sunday for earliest opening

in history of park.

The Rev. W. H. Eaton, Med-

ford, on state Baptist organiza-

tion convention board.

Mrs. Jessie Dodge, Ashland,

elected corresponding secretary

of state PEO.

Judge Alex Sparrow named

chairman of land conference.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 23, 1916

(It Was Tuesday)

United States District Attorney

C. L. Reames, Medford, in

San Francisco assisting in trials

of men on charges of misuse of

mails.

Senior pupils of St. Mary's

academy to present Biblical

drama at Star theater.

Mrs. E. J. Stewart to enter-

tain Baptist church Bible class

Wednesday night.

Oregon Students

Placed on Probation

Eugene, Ore., May 23.—(U.P.)

Twenty-five University of Ore-

gon students were placed on pro-

bation for the remainder of their

undergraduate years here Mon-

day after they admitted mem-

bership in Theta Nu Epsilon, out-

lawed secret society.

University officials, who re-

fused to release the students'

names, said the harshest pun-

ishment was ordered because the

members cooperated in revealing

their organization's existence on

the Oregon campus.

President Harry K. Newburn

of the university said his office

had a complete list of members

and all information pertinent to

the organization.

Newburn declined to state the

exact nature of the students' pro-

bation because it would reveal

their identity. However, proba-

tion at Oregon usually denies a

student's participation in many

activities.

Officials said that any of the

25 men might be suspended or

expelled if their conduct was not

satisfactory.

Laboratory Operator

Will Be Sentenced

Portland, Ore., May 23.—(U.P.)

Otto Soler, Portland laboratory

operator who claimed to sell a

cancer-curing serum, was found

guilty of practicing medicine

without a license Monday.

Judge John R. Mears said he

would pass sentence Wednesday.

The specific case against Soler

involved his treatment of a wom-

an now in critical condition in

a Portland hospital with cancer.

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Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N.Y., May 18—Back to the seething cosmo-

politis.

It is more difficult than ever to imagine that less than 100 miles away is the Lake Mohonk Mountain House, stretching nostalgically along the tranquil wooded shores of that little spring-water lake teeming with trout; no automobiles, no airplanes, no motor cops, no music, or jazz or dancing, not even canasta; just old ladies knitting on the sunny piazzas and old gentlemen, swinging their putters rheumatically on the hotel pitch-and-putt course. "Out of this world" is an over-worked term these days, but it is the perfect one for this 83-year-old Quaker resort tucked away in the pastoral quietude of the Shawangunk hills, going its way serenely complacently just as it did a year or two after the Civil War.

By the way, we wonder if Rip Van Winkle did not spend some years there after he awakened.—the Catskills are not far away.

In his final speech in Chicago President Truman defied his republican adversaries to come out and fight, give him and his party some worth-while opposition, for two strong opposing parties would be good for the country, and in harmony with democratic principles and the time-honored American tradition.

We assume the challenge was accepted by Senator Robert Taft in his speech which was given the same three-way national broadcast as our chief executive's, the night following the latter's return. In that speech there was certainly plenty of opposition. We don't know whether it satisfied Harry or not.

We not only listened over the air but read reports of the speech in the New York papers the next morning. Frankly, however, while it was reasonably clear what the senator from Ohio OPPOSED,—everything that President Truman and his party have done,—it was not so clear precisely WHAT Mr. Taft favors,—except retention of the Taft-Hartley bill, and a republican congress.

In fact Senator Taft is as wholeheartedly against the democratic party, the Fair Deal and all its works, as an equally plain spoken and forthright republican, a few years ago, was against sin. Nothing good or desirable has ever come out of the democratic party under its present leadership and nothing can.

And the conclusion was equally obvious,—elect a republican congress this year and a republican president two years hence and all will be well.

We sometimes wonder what would happen if the leader of one of the two major parties—don't care WHICH—would deny that his party had a monopoly of all the wisdom and virtues, and the opponents all the evils and sins, even admit there was good and bad in both organizations, but all in all more of the former in his party or he wouldn't stay in it.

We mean what would happen if a prominent party leader should say something temperate and objective in a campaign year,—admit to something less than complete infallibility for his own group and something more than complete ineptitude, criminality and incapacity for the opposition.

One thing is sure,—such a revolutionary tactical change would cause a great sensation, and might by its very unexpectedness and novelty make a great hit with the rank and file. (On the other hand it might cause a casualty list in the Union League club, as long as a Mohammedan's prayer).

Meanwhile the primary result in Pennsylvania is extremely interesting, coming as it does so soon after the defeat of Pepper in Florida.

In spite of all the partisan alibis and political gobbledegobble the plain truth is the Pennsylvania result indicates a political trend EXACTLY THE REVERSE of that in Florida.

In Florida the winner was a democrat who took up the GOP battle cry, verse and chapter, swinging with both fists at all the New and Fair Deal principles, pleading for votes to turn back the threatening tide of Communism, Socialism and the Welfare State!

In Pennsylvania the winner was a republican—a PROGRESSIVE republican,—who almost word for word took up the DEMOCRATIC battle cry,—"Down with the reactionary GOP machine, the unprincipled and mercenary bosses, those who put property rights above human rights, and turn a deaf ear to the pleas of the underprivileged and the oppressed. Up with the enlightened and forward-looking welfare state of Pennsylvania," etc., etc.

The victory of the democratic "theme-song" in Pennsylvania was even more impressive and overwhelming than the victory of the republican theme-song in Florida. Which adds up to what? Just this:

The present "state of the nation" politically is as confused and contradictory, as the political state of the world.

The only certain thing about either is the UNcertainty.

That Harvard rain-maker has had to issue another public statement denying he is in any way responsible for the prevailing New York weather. There was, as before reported, only two or three really nice sunny days in April,—the sunless record in fact, for 20 years was broken. Thus far in May there has been more sunshine but not much. It rained yesterday and last night, is drizzling today, while the prediction is for more warmth and moisture over the week-end. And still the reservoirs are only 80 per cent full where a year ago at this time they were full. The weather, like most things, is all mixed up.

However, as long as the Harvard weather man insists all his efforts at producing rain by seeding the heavens above have failed, why doesn't he resign and let his \$100 a day be turned over to Seamen's Relief.

If any young man,—or young woman—asked our advice as to how to make a success of writing we would unhesitatingly say: "Get a job writing sports on a newspaper—if you can."

We have no statistics at hand, but we are quite certain more successful writers, including O. Henry and Ring Lardner started as sports writers, than in any other branch of preparation including the "how to write" schools. This man Red Smith on the New York Herald-Tribune is on his way to fame, if we know anything about the business. He has won several prizes already, we predict he will have a page in "Who's Who" and be as worried as Hemingway about his income tax in another five years. (Oh, that's ok Red you don't owe us a cent).

Speaking of Quakers, we hope there will be no offense if we remark that in one way Pennsylvania Quakers resemble Utah Mormons namely:

They always pay their bills and never have to get within a thousand miles of a bankruptcy court. In short they are 100 per cent solvent and shrewd business men.

The Smileys of Mohonk are a good example. We neglected to state the original Smiley and son of Andrew Carnegie spent his winters in Redlands, Cal., and followed Andy's example to the extent of giving a public library to the California town. There are several views of Redlands orchards with snow-capped mountains as a background in the hotel picture galleries,—they reminded us so keenly of the view of Mt. Pitt from the Old Stage road, that we would have shed tears in our beer—if we had had any!—R.W.R.

Herb Nill Selected University Officer

Eugene, Ore., May 23.—(U.P.)

Harry Mountain of Portland,

candidate of the United Students

association, was elected student

body president at the University

of Oregon here Monday.

The election followed the

most turbulent political cam-

paign in recent campus history,

marked by a near riot, name-

calling and smashed windows.

Mountain's "party," United

Students, is composed of five

Greek-letter organizations which

split with the Associated Greek

Students and joined independent

students. Three AGS students,

running for major campus of-

fices, were withdrawn from bal-

lots Sunday.

Other officers elected Monday

included First Vice President

Herbert Nill, Medford; Second

Vice President Eve Overback,

Portland; and Secretary-Treas-

urer Joanne Fitzmaurice, Salem.

BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN

Santa Fe, N. M.—(U.P.)—A. B.

Martinez, newly-appointed chief

of police, started a campaign

against traffic violators. Proof

that there's no fixing of tickets

came when George Berntsen

and Sam Z. Montoya, both mem-

bers of the city council, paid

fines for overtaking parking A.

similar fine was paid by Chief

Police Martinez.

Health Board Okays Funds for Hospitals

The Dalles, Ore., May 23.—(U.P.)

Federal grants totaling \$238,000

for construction of hospitals

were accepted by the Oregon

state board of health in a meet-

ing here Saturday.

Provided by the Hill-Burton

act, the federal fund will be

supplemented by \$466,000 of

state money. The act provides

that states accepting the federal

grants must put up twice the

amount. Of the federal fund, the

Portland sanatorium will get

\$178,000 and the physicians and

surgeons hospital \$60,000.

No action was taken on re-

quests for grants by Newport

and Gold Beach institutions.

Portland Boy Found

Hanging From Tree

Portland, Ore., May 23.—(U.P.)

Twelve-year-old Allen Leon

Swain, missing since Sunday af-

ternoon, was found dead from

strangulation Monday. He ac-

cidentally hanged himself in a

tree a few feet from his back-

yard.

Multnomah county police said

the boy had made a noose from

a curtain sash. His father, En-

gersen Swain, works for the gov-

ernment in Italy. His mother,

Mrs. Lucille Wong, lives in

Klamath Falls, Ore.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"He thinks that women should get married but men should stay single."

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

United Press Correspondent



Virginia MacPherson

Hollywood, May 23.—(U.P.)—

Hollywood has discovered —

much to its horror — that glamor-

ous stars on

personal ap-

pearance tours

are laying eggs

all over the

country. And

the order is out

to "do" some-

thing about it.

Seems big-

name person-

alities in the

flesh aren't al-

ways as inter-

esting as a

big-name per-

sonalities in

technicolor.

Especially when they shuffle

up to a mike, gaze miserably

upon a theater full of paying cus-

tomers, mumble something about

"glad to be here today," and then

back away into the wings.

It makes the customers mad.

They've spent the better part of

a buck to gaze upon these \$5000-

a-week celebrities and they want

their money's worth.

Now it begins to look like may-

be they'll get it.

Universal-International heard

the call first. When they sent

"Francis" around Germany, they

also sent along a flock of movie

stars. And these stars put on an

hour-long show, complete with

songs, dances and skits.

Quickie Course Given

Movie bosses are taking their

cue from U-I's success. Now

they're giving their prize pack-

ages a quickie course in "how

not to lay eggs on personal ap-

pearance tours."