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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 25, 1940

(It was Saturday)

Miss Ruth Nordwich elected queen of Job's Daughters.

Coleen Winterhalder and David Dawson win WCTU silver medal speech contest.

Vacation Bible schools to open in local churches June 3 for daily sessions.

Kay-Marshall, Inc., new home completed on South Fir street with investment of \$150,000 involved.

Local airport offered to war department by chamber of commerce in connection with national defense.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 25, 1930

(It was Sunday)

Wednesday Study club elects Mrs. T. W. Miles president.

YWCA board of directors honors Mrs. A. J. Anderson, president for six years.

State game bird hatchery planned on Public Water company farm, Crater Lake highway.

Ralph J. Bailey, Medford, chosen outstanding student in accounting in Oregon State college graduating class.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 25, 1916

(It was Thursday)

Official democratic ticket count shows N. W. Borden defeated E. E. Kelly by 45 ballots for nomination as district attorney.

Artesian well in Guthrie orchard near Jacksonville brings in 50,000 gallons of water daily for irrigation.

Superintendent V. M. Hillis of local schools to teach in state normal school at Albion, Ida., this summer.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson, Probate Department

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles H. Elson, deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I have been duly and regularly appointed Executor of the above entitled estate under and by virtue of an order of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Oregon, duly made, rendered and entered on April 22nd, 1950, and all creditors having claims against said deceased are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, and with vouchers thereunto attached, and all persons owing said estate are notified to pay their said indebtedness to me at the office of George M. Roberts, G. W. Kellington and Edward Branchfield, my attorneys, 203 N. National Bank Bldg., Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 27th day of April, 1950.

John H. Elson

Executor of the Estate of Charles H. Elson, deceased

IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE

DECLARATION OF INTENT—SET DATE FOR HEARING

Nature of Improvement: Sanitary Sewer.

Location: South Peach Street.

From: Mt. Pitt Avenue to Winchester Place.

Date: May 16, 1950.

ORDINANCE NO. 4726

AN ORDINANCE providing for the construction of an 8 inch sanitary sewer line on South Peach Street from Mt. Pitt Avenue to Winchester Place in the City of Medford, Oregon, and for the assessment of the cost thereof on adjacent property.

providing for a meeting of the Council to consider protests against said improvement and providing for the serving of the owners of adjacent property with notice thereof by the Recorder.

THE CITY OF MEDFORD DOETH ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That it is the intention of the City Council to cause an 8 inch sanitary sewer line on South Peach Street from Mt. Pitt Avenue to Winchester Place to be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Superintendent, at the City Hall, Medford, Oregon, to which plans and specifications reference is hereby made for details and estimated costs thereof, and to assess upon each lot, or part thereof, adjacent to and benefited by such improvement its proportionate share of the cost of said improvement as provided by the Charter of the City of Medford.

Section 2. That the Council will meet in the Council Chambers at the City Hall on the 6th day of June, 1950, at 7:30 p. m. at which time and place the owners of said adjacent property are hereby called upon to appear before said Council and show cause, if any, why said improvement should not be constructed, and why said property should not be assessed for the construction thereof.

Section 3. The City Recorder is hereby directed to serve notice hereof upon the property owners aforesaid, by publishing this Ordinance once in a daily newspaper, printed, published, and of general circulation in said City at least ten (10) days before the date of said meeting, and by posting five copies of this Ordinance in five public and conspicuous places in said City for a period of ten (10) days prior to said meeting.

PASSED by the City Council and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 16th day of May, 1950.

D. L. FLYNN, Mayor.

ATTENT:

J. R. Woodford, Recorder

Approved by me this 16th day of May, 1950.

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A Mandate For Water

Medford people gave the municipal water system expansion program a hearty "aye" in Friday's election and water commission and other city officials are understandably gratified.

OF COURSE, there were two other important city measures on the ballot—the fire department improvement, and fire department special levy—which probably helped to bring out a substantial vote for all three.

It must be recognized, however, that the water improvement question received the handsomest majority—3,934 to 552—and that such a vote constitutes an emphatic mandate to the water commission to speed the new line in to Big Butte springs, install the necessary mains, and make more city water available to homes within the municipal area, with some for the fringe sectors where it is so much needed.

FROM the standpoints of health, dependability and convenience, there is no substitute in these parts for Big Butte springs water. The springs, fed by snowfall on Mt. McLoughlin, deliver a never-failing supply of the purest water to be found any place in all the world.

The only problem has been the cost of building pipe lines to the source. Now that the people have authorized the self-liquidating bonds to overcome this problem, let's have the water for our fast growing neighborhood as quickly as engineering and construction factors will permit.—E.C.F.

Beetles and Earwigs

The recent importation of beetles to fight St. Johnswort weed in Jackson county is another case of man employing bugs to fight his battles. Fifteen colonies, totaling 75,000 adult beetles were distributed in nine Oregon counties this month as part of a long range control program for the weed.

THE Oregon State college agricultural experiment station project is designed to halt the spread of St. Johnswort on range lands by allowing the beetles to devour the weed. The small green beetles feed exclusively on St. Johnswort while ignoring other plants in the same field.

It is expected that the beetles, which were collected in Humboldt county, California, will be present in large enough numbers to control the Jackson county pest within three to four years. In Humboldt county the beetles were starving as they had eaten up all of their favorite weed. Entomologist L. G. Gentner of the Southern Oregon branch experiment station here aided in collection of the parasites.

Use of beetles as a control for St. Johnswort was developed by Australian scientists. They discovered the species now being used in France and tested them against a wide range of crops. The beetles were imported into California where they have proved successful in practically eradicating the damaging weed.

ABOUT 12 years ago earwigs threatened to take over in Medford yards and gardens. The loathsome, persistent and fast multiplying little bugs were into everything and the usual poisons, sprays and other weapons brought little relief. Actually, it seemed that the earwigs grew bigger and more active when supplied with some of the supposedly lethal diets.

Entomologist Gentner had a hand in that fight also, helping to importing from Portland thousands of earwigs into whose bodies a parasite had been introduced.

THE parasite, developing in the body of the hapless earwig, finally kills its host, eats a hole in its outer covering and makes its exit. Almost immediately, the little worm turns into a fly which starts flitting about looking for a live earwig. As soon as it has discovered one, the fly lays an egg close to it. The egg quickly hatches a tiny larva, the latter attaches itself to the earwig, gnaws its way into the insect's vitals and the cycle of life continues, a case of:

"Great fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em, And little fleas have lesser fleas, and so ad infinitum."

ALTHOUGH the eradication of earwigs through use of the parasite sounds somewhat involved, considerable success has been noted here as the parasite lays about 10 eggs to the earwig's one. There are fewer earwigs in the areas where the parasitized bugs were liberated while in the suburban and rural areas where the parasitized specimens have not yet penetrated the pests have flourished exceedingly.—E.C.F.

ALWAYS ON JOB

Gardner, Mass.—(U.P.)—While attending her 21st birthday party Miss Moonen Maffeo, a Red Cross secretary, took time out to respond to an emergency call by dashing to a hospital and donating a pint of blood.

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Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"No law against just lookin' at them, is there?"

Washington Report

By Bob Dickey

Washington, May 25.—To most Oregonians, Celilo Falls is that world famous tourist attraction on the Columbia river where the Indians spear salmon.

But to the small band of Mid-Columbia Indians who live in the shadow of the age-old fishing grounds, Celilo Falls is their sole means of livelihood. With this in mind, it is easy to see why this little minority of vanishing Americans are on the warpath over the possibility of having their ancestral fishing rights curtailed.

The controversy now raging was brought about by some legislation sponsored by Rep. Lowell Stockman of Pendleton. He recently introduced a bill which would give the federal government specific authority to regulate fishing rights at the falls.

Originally only a limited number of Indians from the Umatilla, Warm Springs and Yakima tribes fished at Celilo Falls. Of this group there was a small number of the fishermen who permanently resided at the falls.

By accepted tradition, these permanent residents had the exclusive fishing rights. They had first choice as to fishing spots, and were, in effect, the official managers of all fishing at the falls.

Then came the automobile and the high priced salmon market. Indians from all over the West flocked to Celilo Falls to fish. They came from such faraway places as Alaska, Canada and even Mexico.

This high influx of fishermen raised some vexing problems of law and order, sanitation, use of fishing sites and types of fishing gear.

In the past, these problems were dealt with by the Indians. The Indians permanently residing at the falls acted as the boss ex-officio, with the assistance of an arbitration committee which they had voluntarily set up. It was composed of members from the Yakimas, Warm Springs, Umatillas and Mid-Columbia group.

But with the huge influx of Indians from all over the West, the problems which have developed are beyond their control. The local authorities feel that it is a federal problem. The federal authorities, however, feel that they lack jurisdiction to deal with the matter.

The Stockman bill is designed to remedy this. It will give the federal officials some medium of policing the fishing grounds and still protect the fishing rights of the Indians. The big controversy over the bill centers around the fishing rights.

To provide a means of regulating the fishing rights, the Stockman bill would set up a nine-man committee composed of three Indians from the Yakima, Umatilla, and Warm Springs tribes. This committee would be given legal authority to enforce its decisions.

The bill seems to provide an equitable method of preserving the rights of the local Indians as well as providing an equitable solution to the problem. But there is one small minority who feels that the bill completely deprives them of the ancestral rights.

To the permanent residents at the fall—the Mid-Columbia group—the Stockman proposal is rank heresy for it does not give them any representation, as a group, on the Indian arbitration committee. They feel that the fishing site actually belongs to them.

The answer given them is that the Mid-Columbia group has no official legal status in the eyes of the Indian bureau. That agency maintains that the Mid-Columbia Indians belong to one of the three reservation tribes which will make up the committee.

The Mid-Columbia members argue that they may be legally members of those other tribes, but actually their group will not

Capetown, South Africa, May 25.—(U.P.)—Elder Statesman Jan Christian Smuts marked his 80th birthday today by starting off on a 10-day, 3,000-mile flying tour of south Africa.

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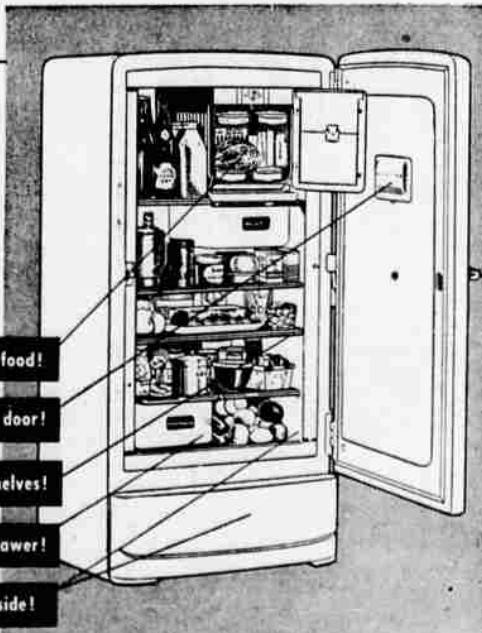
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