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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 29, 1940
(It Was Wednesday)
County Judge Earl B. Day resigns and J. B. Coleman named.

Roseburg population placed by census at 4,854, an increase of 10.1 per cent over 1930 count.

Local 20-30 club elects Jack Hartley as president for period starting July 1.

Miss Janie Smith elected president of local branch of Zonta International.

Locations for signs near Weed and Diamond lake cutoff telling about Medford sought by County Chamber of Commerce.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
May 29, 1940
(It Was Thursday)
Pear and apple crop in valley expected to fill 5,000 cars with pears, larger than last year's crop.

Motorists going to Lake o' Woods must go via Annie Springs and Fort Klamath.

Fay Estes and Arline Gossett rank first and second respectively in grades as Talent school ends year.

W. L. Van Loan resigns as high school instructor to take post at University of Oregon education school.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY
May 29, 1916
(It Was Monday)
W. H. Gore, Medford, elected vice-chairman of southern Oregon bankers' group.

Horace Bromley appointed to savings department of First National bank and Herbert Alford promoted to assistant cashier.

Golden Link Bible class of Baptist church elects Mrs. C. A. Whitlock president.

Von der Hellen Opens Grants Pass Drive-In

Grants Pass, May 29—William von der Hellen, Medford, will be present at the grand opening of Grants Pass newest theater—a drive-in—when it opens here Memorial day. He is the owner of the new amusement enterprise.

Von der Hellen has long been active in theater work in southern Oregon and with Walter Leverette at one time owned Medford theaters. A resident of Oregon for more than 60 years, he started his career at Eagle Point, building a hardware store. He also constructed portions of the Redwood highway, the road to Crater Lake, and highway 99 over the Siskiyou.

For several years he has owned the Rogue and Rivoli theaters in Grants Pass, under the name of the Grants Pass Amusement company.

FOURTH SUICIDE TRY

Longview, Wash., May 29—(U.P.)—W. E. Blankenship, held at the county jail here on charges of forgery and auto theft, made his fourth unsuccessful suicide attempt today by slashing his throat with a razor.

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Memorial Day

Yesterday evening we strolled through the old Jacksonville cemetery where pioneers of this region lie sleeping, many of their gravestones slightly askew, like the heads of aged men, nodding in the twilight.

Peace and velvet quiet prevail there, as in other little graveyards which dot the land. There the war heroes, the fathers and mothers, the children who lived their brief earthly span, are at rest in death and the tranquility that envelops their resting place is transmitted in some occult way to all who visit them.

TOMORROW, Memorial day, many will make their yearly pilgrimage to the burial place of loved ones. In this era of tension, worry and crises it is regrettable that more do not avail themselves of the spiritual calm which such visitation offers.

MEMORIAL DAY originated in this country following the War between the States, when ladies of the Confederacy brought flowers to the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers. In 1866, General John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, named May 30 as a special day for honoring the graves of Union soldiers.

Gradually through the year, Memorial day which had come to be observed for all fallen American soldiers, also came to be observed as a day of personal and family dedication. Too bad that for most of us it is observed but once a year.

THE LATE Arthur Perry, for over 35 years a Mail Tribune columnist, always turned to Walt Mason on Memorial day, publishing the Kansas poet's immortal tribute to the war dead. The poem, which became something of a tradition as part of Perry's Memorial day column, is published herewith.

LITTLE GREEN TENTS

The little green tents where the soldiers sleep; and the sunbeams play, and the women weep, are covered with flowers today; and between the tents walk the weary few, who were young and stalwart in sixty-two, when they went to the war away.

The little green tents are built of sod, and they are not long, and they are not broad, but the soldiers have lots of room; and the sod is part of the land they saved, when the flag of the enemy darkly waved, the symbol of dole and doom.

The little green tent is a thing divine; the little green tent is a country's shrine, where patriots kneel and pray; and the brave men left, so old, so few, were young and stalwart in sixty-two when they went to the war away.

Walt Mason

—E.C.F.

Lightning Control Experiments by Forest Service Planned in Summer

Washington, May 29—(U.P.)—Forest service fire fighters hope to prove this summer that they can "seed" dry thunderstorms and thereby reduce the number of lightning-caused forest fires.

The fire fighters hope to employ the trick now being used to cause rain by "seeding" clouds with dry ice dropped from planes.

It's the lightning from dry thunderstorms of the northwest which the forest service would like to prevent. These storms are accompanied by little, if any, rain. But the lightning sometimes causes disastrous fires.

To Seed Storms

The forest service's idea is to "seed" heavily such storms as they build up and before they reach the lightning state.

A. A. Brown, chief of the forest service's fire research, said in an interview that the experiment offers "an alluring prospect."

Brown said lightning last year caused about half of all fires in the northwest Rockies. He estimated that lightning-caused fires alone caused \$1 million in damage and more than \$1 million in fire-fighting costs in Montana, Idaho, California and Oregon last year.

"We've been concentrating on holding down man-caused fires," Brown said. "We've always considered lightning fires couldn't be prevented. Now, maybe, we can do something about them."

Smoke Jumpers Lacking

"One such storm can sometimes cause as many as 80 fires scattered about in inaccessible areas of the Rockies," Brown said.

"We just don't have enough smoke-jumpers (fire fighters who parachute into inaccessible areas) to cover the peak load adequately when that happens. Occasionally, one or two fires get away and then we get a real disaster, particularly when the forest is dry."

"If we could wipe out 10 per cent of lightning fires in the northwest, it would mean a real money saving."

Brown figures that such a saving would make the cost of seeding look small.

Against Uniform Change

To the Editor: An article in The Mail Tribune states that the present blue and grey uniforms of our traffic officers would be discarded for one of solid blue. What a strange decision; what brought all this on?

Surely this is not the vote of the majority of our taxpayers who look with pride on our traffic department and want our officers to be outstanding both in ability and uniform.

Then, too, these very same officers must pass in review before the countless tourists who visit or pass through our fair city. Why not show them that we at least appreciate our public servants, the police, enough to give them a fitting uniform to go with their duties as traffic officers.

Officers in warmer districts are given uniforms that afford a maximum of comfort and by being comfortable they are at ease and courteous to those whom they serve. Has the thought ever occurred to those who have instigated this sudden change of uniform what it will be like to patrol our city streets in a boiling sun in a dark uniform?

Put on your blue serge suit and attempt to be courteous and alert—try it for one day and you'll be convinced.

A. K. Hamilton.

News of 4-H CLUBS

Gold Hill 4-H club met at the Norman Gail ranch home. There was a record attendance of members as well as a number of interested parents.

First part of the meeting was given over to demonstrations of lamb care and blocking.

Final plans were completed for the local lamb show, to be held at the Estremado Ranch on Saturday, June 3. An exceptional number of entries are expected and competition is keen for the list of prizes offered; competent judges have been secured and the show is expected to exceed even the fine record of previous years. Other Jackson county clubs are urged to visit Gold Hill on this day. The show starts at 10 a. m. and will continue throughout the day. Hot lunch will be available at noon and refreshments throughout the day.

Sammy Collins, Reporter.

JUDGE REACHES SCENE

Augsburg, Germany, May 29 (U.P.)—Judge Werner Oppel, who is expected to preside at the trial of Ilse Koch, said today he feared the notorious wartime mistress of Buchenwald may get off lightly.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"She's my daughter's youngest—the one who wants to be an opera singer. They're letting her stay with me until she gets over the notion."

A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, May 29—(U.P.)—According to the eye doctors, farmers are getting so fuzzy in eyes they can't tell a hill of beans from a row of corn.



Harman Nichols

This is all on the authority of Dr. James H. Groat, president of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. He thinks the farmer would cut a straighter furrow if he wore trifocal eyeglasses.

The doctor explained about the trifocal business. It is supposed to combine one eyeglass into three segments. One for distance, the second for close reading, and the last for intermediate vision at arm's length.

"It used to be until not long ago," said Dr. Groat, "that many people considered trifocals only as occupational lenses for the

very old. But our research shows that they have a much wider use. Take a test case: Too Tired To Read

Dr. Groat mentioned a farmer named Clem Jones. For years he had worked in the fields and looked across the acres and come back to the house too tired to read the farm publications which might have given him more bushels per acre.

His eyes smarted and the only thing he could do was turn on the radio and by that time it was too late to learn what the cash corn or wheat prices were.

This is not a plug for eyeglasses, but, according to the doctor, Clem used to eat his supper, take a nap on the divan, and then hit the hay. He couldn't see to read.

His eyes had lost their ability to adjust to the different ranges of seeing. The transition from the corn rows to the dinner table to the printed page was too strenuous.

Eye doctors call that trouble presbyopia.

Losses Ability

Dr. Groat warns that when you go to your eye specialist you go to tell him what you do for a living. Whether it's your job to look ahead at a distance, etc., or to look at things close up.

The man on the plow, naturally, has to look far. And while he is doing this, he loses the ability to adjust his eyes to near vision. Actually, he doctor said, he may lose his sense of being able to look close at anything at all.

The farmer sometimes is in a fine fix.

He can't see the butter and the carrots on the table, without backing off a few paces. Same with the tools in the workshop. Or the cows in the barn. Or the bills on his desk.

Me, I'm an inside man. Working at close range under lights with common glasses, I see pretty well.

Clinton Bennett, president; William Bittle, vice-president, and James Gibbons recently represented the club at a district Active club convention at Coos Bay.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Butte Falls, May 29—Vacation Bible school will be held in the little brown church June 19 to 30 for all children of the Butte Falls community. Classes will be held in the mornings and new features are planned by leaders. Staff members include Mrs. John Futen, Miss Virginia Slaney, Mrs. Robert Beeman, Mrs. Gay Tedrick, Misses Beth Abbott and Gail Nelson and one or two others. Bible lessons, music and handicrafts will be given each day for different age groups. Those wishing to attend may sign up at either Sunday school,

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.... AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood, May 29—(U.P.)—An anguished movie maker, now conducting a talent search for a photogenic oil tanker, said today he'd rather "take his chances with a cast full of temperamental glamour girls."



Virginia MacPherson

They may "cream and holler and yank hair, but you can usually reason with 'em—if you can get 'em to simmer down for a minute. But Director Edwin Marin is dealing with tankers now. And beginning to think his idea of starring a ship in a movie called "Black Smoke" wasn't such a slam-bang gimmick after all.

"It has to be photogenic," he explained, "but not glamorous. It has to be big enough to hold the crew and the actors—and not so big we can't afford it."

"And you'd be surprised how many ships don't fit any of these qualifications."

Marin went into this project with high hopes and manly courage. Figured he could handle it, all right. He's an old hand at producing ships for movies.

Found in Bay

"I am the one," he said faintly, "who dug up two ships for 20th Century-Fox's 'Sea Wolf.' That was my first experience with boats—me... the guy that gets sick on a ferry ride."

"It took 10 years off my life, but I did it. I got an old ice-cutter from Alaska that hadn't been used for so long it was kind of a monument. It was the USS Bear and when I found her she was sitting in the bay at Oakland."

"Nobody knew for sure who she belonged to, I had to get the commissioner of navigation on the phone in Washington to get an okay to borrow it. Then I had a day and a half to get it ready."

"All the old sea dogs up there told me I'd never do it. But I did. Even got an inspection okay from something called the 'Department of Hulls and Boilers.' Then we towed it to Catalina Island. I forgot to mention: It didn't have a motor."

On Fire Three Times

"That trip I'll never get over. The cutter caught fire three times on the trip and broke away from the tow boat three different times."

"Mariner" Marin's other headache, a sloop christened the Metha Nelson, started out to be

160 Scholarships to Annapolis Available

Seattle, Wash., May 29—Members of the civilian reserve of the navy and marine corps will be eligible to compete for 160 scholarships to the United States naval academy, it was announced today.

Detailed information may be obtained from navy or marine recruiting offices.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 4:30 p.m. following day; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday, noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

out to a "Flying Saucer" on Sunday at Camp White! This modern age!

Graduation day is just about here, not only for you kids, but for some kids around here. In fact, Wednesday is the day we hand out sheepskins. This is one of those inter-station deals, where nobody knows what we're talking about! Truth is, we don't either, so we're even, after all.



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