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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 31, 1940
(It Was Friday)

De Molay district convolve to
open in Medford tomorrow.

Grants Pass population placed
at 6,000 by census, an increase
over 1930 when the number
was 4,666.

Miss Maxine Waters to leave
tonight for Honduras trip.

Eleventh annual Mail Tribune
trapshoot slated over week-end
at gun club.

Willow Springs Thursday club
to meet with Mrs. H. S. Chir-
gwin on June 6.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 31, 1930
(It Was Saturday)

The Rev. J. T. LaRose suc-
ceeds the Rev. G. O. Crow as
pastor of Nazarene church.

High school year book, edited
by Curtis Barnes, dedicated to
Superintendent E. H. Hedrick.

James Hayes' new service sta-
tion in Bellview district nears
completion.

May building program totals
\$36,280, a decrease of \$7,000
from last month.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 31, 1916
(It Was Wednesday)

The Rev. William B. Hamilton
of Episcopal church delivers
Memorial day address in Med-
ford.

Horses owned by James Bow-
ers, Ashland, and Dick Turpin,
Medford, to race at fairgrounds
June 18 for purse of \$150.

Nurni bakery buys Seattle
roominghouse and plans in-
stallation of \$4,000 baking plant.

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A Hint For Parents

School vacation time will be with us in a few days bringing again that annual problem for boys and girls—what to do for recreation and pastime? The question probably holds more worry for parents than children for the sudden ending of the day-long school routine leaves a hiatus in young lives which cannot be filled by a few odd jobs about the home, and such diversions as can be thought up from day to day.

NOT so many years ago a lad could grab up his trusty .22 or his fishpole, mount his bike and in a short time be "out in the country." But things are different now. The "out-in-the-country" area is pretty well settled up; farther away the streams and forests are hedged about by fishing and hunting regulations. Shooting at a tin can or other target is dangerous business for people are all about.

THE most practicable solution for the younger fry's vacation time dilemma is supervised play. Of the various types available none are more widely varied, interesting, or worth while than those to be found at the Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. besides having something to offer the boys and girls in the way of swimming, athletics, recreational games and training in various skills, also holds attractions for the whole family. On family nights there are square dancing, entertainment and games—in fact most youngsters, and parents too, can find something to enjoy much of the time in Medford's magnificent new Y.M.C.A. building.

A MEMBERSHIP drive is now going on and it is expected to greatly increase the number now on the rolls, which includes 232 family members, 92 high school girls, 318 grade and junior high girls, 136 high school boys, 468 grade and junior high boys and 65 other boys and girls.

A HAPPY solution of the vacation time problem is available for parents of active children. All they have to do is make it possible for them to enjoy the Y.M.C.A. facilities. An even better solution can be found by the parents joining in the fun by making it a family membership.—E.C.F.

A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, May 31—(U.P.)—About this time every year my friend Edna Stickney of Cleveland, O., comes up with a story about worms.

This time she wonders, in her letter, how the worms she gave me last year in my garden, well, Edna, I am unhappy to report that I do not know. Last year I had a garden and planted the worms to the best of my wife's ability.

This year I do not have a garden. So far as I know, the worms are doing okay.

Anyhow, Mrs. Stickney, who teaches wriggling children in the classroom by day and raises lit-

tle wrigglers in her basement during the dark hours, has sent along the latest literature on worms.

According to Mrs. S., if you treat a worm right you can make money out of him. Dig down under your rose bush, says she, and drop a few worms and the first thing you know you'll have wonderful blooms.

Put some around the bean hills and you'll recognize the things which come up.

Deposit Fertilizer
Mrs. S., who is an old hand at raising beans and worms, claims that the wrigglers bore into the earth, perforate same, and deposit fertilizer that is invaluable.

So far as the lady from Cleveland is concerned, she figures it this way:

In the slow process of nature, it is estimated that from 500 to 1,000 years may be required to lay down one inch of topsoil. Well, in the earthworm, we have a perfect, quick-acting, humus factory and topsoil builder.

Mrs. S. is sincere about earthworms for a commercial reason. She sells the things for a penny a piece. She does pretty well on the deal.

She doesn't care whether you put the worms on a fish hook or plant 'em under your rose bushes.

She gets her price.
Careful Study Made
My friend in Cleveland probably knows more about earthworms than the department of agriculture. She has made a careful study of them.

She says that a sensible earthworm never in its life span travels more than a couple of feet. That means that you can plant a worm and go back a couple of years later and expect it to be right where you left it.

But worms have to be fed, as I well know. The ones Mrs. S. sent me last year came with a danger sign on the outside of the box. The danger was meant to warn that I had to be sure to put plenty of ruffage on the soil in which they were planted.

I did and so far as I know the things survived.

At least, I caught a couple of nice bass and my roses looked mighty pretty last summer.

Oregon Penitentiary

Sets Population Mark

Salem, Ore., May 31—(U.P.)—Oregon state prison is facing a housing shortage.

Population at the penitentiary reached 1,444 Tuesday, about 250 in excess of normal accommodations.

Deputy Warden Eugene Halley said the crowded condition will be relieved somewhat when the new 400-cell block is completed, another new cell block was recently completed. Appropriation for a third new block will be sought from the 1951 legislature.

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Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"One of the guys I caddy for rigged it up."

THE BUSY teletype gives us this picture of joy in London:

Motorists danced happily around their cars lined up in the longest gas queues (pronounced "cues"; it's British for lines of people waiting to buy) in history.

THEY TORE UP RATION COUPONS OR MADE BONFIRES OF THEM.

Gas sales were phenomenal... one London garage sold 3,000 gallons—four days supply under rationing—in six hours... in Bristol, garage mechanics toasted the news in champagne... prices of used cars jumped 20 per cent over last week's listing... (1940 British-made Fords sold for \$980 on the wave of ration-free gas enthusiasm.)

And so on. It was certainly a big day in the tight little isle.

HOW COME this sudden end of gas rationing?

This is the official explanation: "Minister of Fuel Noel-Baker, announcing the big event in the house of commons, said rationing was ended because TWO AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES (Standard of New Jersey and California-Texas Oil company) had agreed to take sterling (pounds) instead of dollars for gasoline."

LET'S see. These two American companies have holdings in the Middle East (Arabia, etc.) British gasoline companies have even bigger holdings there—as well as elsewhere.

How come the British couldn't have ration-free gasoline until AMERICAN companies came across and agreed to sell their Middle East gasoline for pounds instead of dollars?

I RECKON that's an unfair question. The British government's answer to it would be that Britain has needed to sell British oil SOMEWHERE ELSE in order to keep British foreign trade more accurately balanced. It wasn't until kind-hearted Americans agreed to sell gasoline for POUNDS that the British could have petrol for their cars.

I SUPPOSE I'm just getting so suspicious of ALL POLITICIANS that my poisonous mind jumps to the conclusion that the socialist government of Britain has used gasoline rationing as an instrument to HANDLE the British people as the socialist politicians think they OUGHT to be handled, and QUIT rationing only when it became apparent that the British people are getting restive under socialist regimentation.

When you get that bad, it's probably time to chloroform you.

Chiropractors to Convene in City This Week-End

Members of the Oregon Association of Chiropractic Physicians and its women's auxiliary will convene in Medford this week-end with sessions being held at Merrick's hall and at the Jackson and Medford hotels June 2, 3 and 4.

Main speaker for the convention will be Dr. J. J. Nugent, New Haven, Conn., director of education for the National Chiropractic association. Other speakers include Dr. W. A. Budden, director of the Health Research foundation, Portland; Dr. Gordon V. Pefley, Portland, and Dr. P. L. Poulsen, Baker, speaking on athletic injuries; Dr. M. C. Mix, Roseburg, Dr. J. E. Andrews, and J. D. Keiffer, laboratory director at Western States college in Portland.

Mayor To Welcome
Mayor D. L. Flynn will welcome the convention at its opening session Friday morning, and Dr. Charles E. Williamson of Eugene, association president, will respond.

Sessions will continue through Sunday afternoon, with the election of officers and main business meeting Saturday afternoon, followed by the main banquet and ball with Dr. Robert A. Wood, Klamath Falls, as toastmaster.

Dr. E. N. Terrill, Ashland, president of the Southern Oregon Chiropractic association, is general chairman of the convention. Other committeemen include Dr. L. H. Haughwout, Coos Bay; Dr. M. C. Mix, Roseburg; Dr. A. R. Hedges, Medford; Dr. C. W. Campbell, Grants Pass; Dr. Paul D. Bray, Medford; Dr. H. E. Campbell, Grants Pass; Dr. R. W. Klier, Portland, and Dr. Alton Dalros, Roseburg.

Girl Scout News

Court of Awards
A court of awards for the eighth grade troops of Mrs. T. R. Florey and Mrs. J. F. Campbell will be held Thursday, June 1 at 4 p. m. in the girls' gymnasium of junior high school. Mrs. G. W. Allingham's eighth grade troop from Oakgrove and the eighth grade troop of Mrs. D. E. Walsh from St. Mary's neighborhood will be guests at the court.

As a part of the program the senior Girl scout troops will present a ceremony. The program is in charge of Mrs. Ted Hornschuch, junior high school neighborhood chairman, and Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p. m. for following days: 10 a. m. Monday for Monday; noon Saturday for Sunday a. m.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From London:

"In a flare-up of national exuberance that resembled an explosion, BRITAIN ENDED GASOLINE RATIONING AFTER ALMOST ELEVEN YEARS OF IT."

I'LL OFFER a little bet:

To the Britisher with a car, that is the biggest news since the Germans surrendered. By comparison, it makes the upset in the parliamentary election last February look like a molehill sitting beside a mountain.

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