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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

June 4, 1940

(It Was Tuesday)

Nazis claim conquest of Dun-

kerque with capture of 40,000

prisoners reported; British claim

many of its forces evacuated.

Medford flooded with rumors

of fifth column activities in

many parts of southern Oregon.

Fourteen local softball teams

to open season this evening.

Leasing of Valentine's cafe by

Howard Bush from Jimmy Val-

entine announced.

Jerry Vawter, Medford, elect-

ed district councilor for De-

Molay to succeed Bob Jester,

Klamath Falls.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 4, 1930

(It Was Wednesday)

State Grange comes out in

favor dry law enforcement.

Diamond lake resort opens for

season with a large crowd.

Garden club opens annual

flower show with unusual num-

ber of varieties displayed.

Mail Tribune softball team

leads local league as third week

of season starts.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 4, 1916

(It Was Sunday)

The Rev. John Dolphin, Ash-

land, addresses graduating class

at St. Mary's academy.

Opening of Medford entrance

to Crater Lake park expected

about middle of June.

Miss Ethel D. Bennett and

Harvey E. Wilcox married at

home of bride's parents.

Seniors Receive

Talent Diplomas

Talent, June 3—Seventeen

talent high school seniors re-

ceived diplomas at commence-

ment exercises Wednesday eve-

ning in the high school gymna-

sium.

Valedictory, "One Heart, One

Way," was delivered by Marie

Williams; "Never Ended, Just

Begun," was topic of Salutor-

ian Eloise Roberts' speech. Dr.

Arthur S. Taylor of Southern

Oregon college gave the com-

mencement address: "We Cannot

Escape History." Diplomas were

presented by Chester Zediker,

chairman of the board of educa-

tion. R. B. Parr, superintendent,

presented honor awards to the

following members of the class:

Outstanding senior, Virginia

Peters; scholarship, Marie Wil-

liams; school spirit, Ethel Trim-

ble; citizenship, Donald Wil-

liams; activities, Eloise Roberts;

dramatics, George Baylor; jour-

nalism, Virginia Peters; business

managers, Ellen Pugsley, Ethel

Trimble.

National commercial contest

award for third place in 100

word per minute division, Vir-

ginia Peters.

Talent Lions scholarship to

Southern Oregon college, George

Baylor.

Ashland Elks lodge scholar-

ships to Southern Oregon col-

lege, Marie Williams and Eloise

Peters.

Man Who Terrorized

Airplane Passengers

Will Be Committed

Fresno, Cal., June 3—(U.P.)—A

Los Angeles mechanic who ter-

rorized the 23 passengers and

crew of a scheduled airliner

when he thought he was being

Cause for Civic Pride

Dedication today of Medford's fine new Hawthorne park and plunge is the culmination of a remarkable civic effort, an effort long sustained and beset by many difficulties.

ACQUISITION of the 17-acre Olds tract, just north of Bear creek bridge, for city park purposes was talked for many years but it was not until December of 1944 that the talk crystallized into action. At that time a group of 22 public spirited firms and individuals contributed a total of \$20,000, purchased the land and presented it to the municipality.

A SPECIAL levy of \$62,500 voted by the townspeople was later found completely inadequate for pool construction as postwar inflation whirled building costs skyward.

The work of landscaping and providing the various facilities required was carried on as city funds permitted and there was commendable effort by the Lions club to raise money to complete the pool.

Finally, a second bond issue was voted, in May, 1949, this time for \$75,000, to permit completion of the entire program.

IT HASN'T been all smooth sailing since the necessary funds were provided, however. Material shortages, contract difficulties and other matters have helped to delay completion until the present time.

THE various steps, trials and tribulations leading to final attainment of the goal are mentioned here by way of explaining why Medford has more than casual interest in the opening of the park and pool and why all the fanfare and ceremonial is scheduled for the official dedication this afternoon.

It has been a long, hard pull but we made it. Medford has reason to be proud—and will the kids enjoy that pool this summer?!!—E.C.F.

Road Investment Lags

While safety experts and editors throughout the land are still explaining and decrying the Memorial day traffic toll there comes to hand an analysis of the country's roadway situation which seems particularly pertinent.

INEQUITABLE distribution of the \$30 billion spent annually on highway transportation is main cause of the traffic crises, says this engineer. He points out that the imbalance finds 90 cents and more out of every dollar being spent on the vehicle and its operation and less than 10 cents on the roadbed.

He cites the fact that new cars purchased last year figured at a conservative average of \$1,800 per unit, totaled nearly \$10 billion. On highways, by contrast, there was invested only \$1.7 billion in the same period.

RIGHT here at home we have a shining example of the point made by the engineer. The Pacific highway stretching between Medford and Ashland has been completely inadequate for some years. It is narrow, rough in spots, and in generally poor condition.

This highway carries heavy traffic serving not only through travel as the main artery between California and Oregon, but the thickly populated intermediate area between the two major cities of the county.

THOUSANDS of cars pass over it daily, their worth representing literally millions of dollars, but the roadway itself remains little better than when first installed years ago.—E.C.F.

The New Game District

Activation of the new Southwestern Oregon Game Supervisory District last week should bring a new and better deal in game matters in these parts. Administrative headquarters for the district will be Roseburg where a building located on the highway just north of town has been purchased by the Game commission.

James Vaughn, former superintendent of the Rock Creek Fish Hatchery, has been named supervisor for the new game district, his authority extending over Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson and Josephine counties.

ONE of the chief complaints against the state game commission has been the lack of local attention. Sportsmen and other interested parties naturally prefer to talk face to face with commission officials on the home ground without having to make the long trek to state headquarters.

The commission may have missed a bet by not locating the district headquarters at a more central point but that is a phase which can be corrected later if a move is found advisable.—E.C.F.

Coal Miner Takes Leave of Absence

Canton, Ill., June 3—(U.P.)—Lloyd Sidener, United Mine Workers union local official suspended for attempting to lead a "gassed" today faced "indefinite" confinement to a mental institution.

John O'Reilly, the gun-waving war veteran who smashed open two of the plane's windows while he held passengers and crew at bay with a gun, was committed Thursday at a superior court sanity hearing.

Judge Arthur C. Shepard ordered the 26-year-old aircraft worker taken to the Agnew State Mental hospital near San Jose, Cal., after he heard a report by Drs. Max Levisohn and V. S. Briden. The doctors said O'Reilly would be confined "for an indefinite period."

back-to-work movement during last winter's coal strike, said today that miners treated him "like a dog" and his wife and mother had received threatening telephone calls since he returned to his job.

So, he said, he has taken an indefinite leave of absence. He accused the mine workers of violating the agreement under which he returned to his job after a 12-weeks layoff.

"I didn't want to do it but I'm going to fight this thing now," he said. "I'll show John L. Lewis and his crew that the only way they are going to stop me is cut my head off."

Eidener got into trouble with his union last winter, when he tried to go back to work during the coal strike. He was ousted from his post as local UMW president, suspended from his mine job and fined \$50,000.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I'm sorry I haven't another fly like the one I caught these on, but if you happen to have some polar bear hair I can tie you up one in a jiffy."

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Ah, tell me not that memory
Sheds gladness o'er the past;
What is recalled by faded flowers
Save that they did not last?
Were it not better to forget?
Than just remember and regret?
—Letitia London.

It was Themistocles who said:
"Teach me not the art of re-
membering, but the art of for-
getting, for I remember things
I do not wish to remember, but
I cannot forget things I wish to
forget."

The administration of Mayor
O'Dwyer is the first in New
York City history to be blamed
for the weather. When it rains
several days in succession in the
Big Town thousands of New
Yorkers blame it on the may-
or's rainmaker, Dr. Wallace
Howell. These people are not
kidding, either. They sincerely
believe it. Incidentally, Doctor
Howell is paid \$100 a day. I
wonder what became of Hatfield,
the "rain-maker" engaged by
the City of San Diego some
years ago. Whether or not Hat-
field was actually responsible
for it, the fact remains that af-
ter he went to work it rained so
much in San Diego the city was
flooded. So much damage was
done the city officials threat-
ened to sue Hatfield for that in-
stead of paying him the fee
they had promised him for mak-
ing rain.

Asking
Queries from clients, Q. Was
Pancho Villa, the boxer, a Mex-
ican? I claim he was. My sis-
ter-in-law says he was a Fili-
pino. A. You seem to have an
interesting sister-in-law. Must
be quite a sports-fan. Anyway,
she's right. Pancho Villa was a
native of the Philippine Islands.
He was once the flyweight
champion of the world. Can you
state offhand how much a fly-
weight boxer weighs? If you
can't, ask your sister-in-law.
She probably knows. Q. Do you
know a song entitled "I Want-
cha"? A. No, sir. However,
there is a greeting card verse
which goes as follows:
I wantcha when I'm happy.
I wantcha when I'm blue.
Even when I'm mad atcha
I wantcha—yes, I do.

Passing by
Kate Smith, Chanteuse and
news commentator. Born under
the sign of Taurus. The star-
gazers claim Taurus rules the
throat, tongue and vocal chords
and that many singers are born
under that sign. Mme. Melba
was born under Taurus. Also
Alice Faye. So was Bing Cros-
by. . . . Lois De Fee, Amazoni-
an night spot entertainer. She
is six feet four inches tall and
weighs 175 pounds but still
manages to be a glamour girl.
Many men have a definite pref-
erence for unusually large
women. That was proven years
ago by the success of that bur-
lesque troupe called "Billy Wat-

son's Beef Trust" which fea-
tured a number of huge chorus
girls.

Mules & Women

"Not all women who keep
food budget down to unusually
low figures deserve the credit
they get for being clever man-
agers," writes a Pittsburgh ma-
gazine. "Much depends upon the
type of husband a woman has
to feed. If the husband is a
healthy fellow who has a good
appetite and is a good judge of
the quality of food, that makes
it a little difficult for his wife.
Some of these women who
boast of their low food budgets
are married to dyspeptic men
with small appetites or to men
who, being no judges of qual-
ity, will stand for cheap food."

Art of Kissing

It was Henry T. Finck, au-
thor of that monumental work
titled "Romantic Love and Per-
sonal Appearance," who, in
discussing the subject of oscu-
lation, said: "Kissing comes by
instinct and yet it is an art
which few understand prop-
erly. In kissing a girl put your
right arm around her neck,
your fingers under her chin,
raise the chin, then gently but
firmly press your lips on hers."

Epitaphs

Of which of your life's ac-
complishments are you most
proud? Thomas Jefferson be-
lieved people should write their
own epitaphs and in them in-
dicate which of their accomplish-
ments they wished remembered.
For himself Jefferson wrote
this epitaph: "Here was buried
Thomas Jefferson, author of the
Declaration of American Inde-
pendence and of the Statute of
Virginia for Religious Freedom
and father of the University of
Virginia."

Please Note
Some people are certainly dif-
ficult to please. A man writes
me that around 1943, when he
was living in the East, I men-
tioned that Reno, Nev., was a
good place to live for people suf-
fering with hay fever. "Acting
on your suggestion," he says, "I
moved to Reno in 1943. Since
that time I have been free of
hay fever. My wife and children
love Reno but I don't like it. It's
too lonesome."

4-H Club News

Upper Rogue 4-H Pig Club
The meeting was called to or-
der by President Eddie Peile.
Club pledge was led by Vernon
Baldwin, and Charleen Peile
made a demonstration on re-
quirements of feed for 4-H pigs.
Next meeting will be June 24, at
Vernon Baldwin's home.
Those present were Eddie
Peile, Vernon Baldwin, Charleen
Peile, Jim McCleave and Scott
McCleave, also five visitors.
Charleen Peile, Secretary

In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

In providence, Rhode Island,
back in 1949 a Mrs. Sophie How-
arth died and left behind her a
16-room mansion and three tom-
cats. In her will, she specified
that the tomcats must live in the
house and that a Miss Elizabeth
Bernie must be paid \$10 a week
to come in each day and care
for them.

That went on for a year. Then
the will came up before a prob-
ate judge. He took a look at the
house and ruled that it is better
suited for human habitation than
for cats. Then he took a look at
Miss Bernie. He gave her the
cats and \$4,000 to care for them
in her own home.

Result:
Mrs. Howarth's relatives are
happy because the cats are out
and they can get paying tenants
into the 16-room house. The
Bernie gal is happy because ten
bucks a week for coming in
every day isn't much in these
days whereas four thousand iron
men all in a pile is quite a wad.

The cats, I'd guess, don't give
a darn.

ISN'T it wonderful what can
happen when somebody
in authority surprises every-
body and uses a little common
sense?

NOTICE by the papers that
cows all over the country
are bowing a tendon in their
zeal to produce more milk. As
a result of this laudable effort
on the part of the bovines, do
we have more cream in our cof-
fee? Do we spread the butter
thicker on our bread and fry
steaks in it instead of lard?

Humm-uh!
All that happens is that our
government is piling up butter
in storage warehouses. It has
in the neighborhood of a hun-
dred million pounds of the stuff
stashed away now and expects
to have 300 million pounds by
the end of the year.

Meanwhile, we eat margar-
ine.

OUR kind-hearted old Uncle
Sam is spending a whale of
a lot of money these days. I
forget how much he is running
into debt every hour, because
I never was much good at
arithmetic, but he is going into
the red at the rate of about six
billion simoleons per year.

We're all worried about it.
We know that you can't go on
forever spending more than you
take in without getting into
serious trouble sooner or later.
Even the members of congress
are worried about it down in
their secret souls.

BUT THEY CAN'T DO ANY-
THING ABOUT IT BECAUSE
THIS IS A CONGRESSIONAL
ELECTION YEAR AND THE
CONGRESSMEN ALL BE-
LIEVE THAT IF THEY QUIT
SPENDING THE VOTERS
WILL HEAVE THEM OUT ON
THEIR EARS.

SILLY, isn't it?
Even sillier than leaving a
16-room mansion to three tom-
cats who would probably rather
prowl the alleys on their own.

SUPPOSE somebody got out a
petition and threw our pro-
fligate Uncle Samuel into vol-
untary bankruptcy.

Suppose a federal judge lib-
erally endowed with plain
horse sense like this probate
judge in Rhode Island should
appoint a wise and competent
referee in bankruptcy to take
over the old spendthrift's af-
fairs and manage them care-

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