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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 5, 1940

(It Was Wednesday)

A. S. Bliton, former publisher of Medford Mail, dies here.

Estimated two million men locked in combat as nazis press drive into France.

More than 1,000 fans turn out for softball season opening.

Ward V. Croft, director of band and orchestra and music instructor in Ashland schools, resigns; Gordon Tripp succeeds to post.

Eagles lodge and auxiliary to install Paul Robertson and Elyth Whitlock as respective presidents.

Redmen lodge and Pocahontas plan picnic and initiation.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 5, 1930

(It Was Thursday)

Medford considers adoption of city manager government.

Gus Samuels named city treasurer for Medford.

Fourteen conventions held here in past year establishes new record for city.

State gives county \$1,666 for county fair this fall.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 5, 1916

(It Was Monday)

Residence and large barn on farm of George Hilton destroyed by blaze.

Wells Fargo office, Ashland, moved to Hotel Oregon block from Oak street.

Dr. E. R. Seely and Will Bates represent Medford at northwest triathlon.

Missing Heir Given Up by State as Dead

Philadelphia (U.P.)—The state has given up its long search for Henry Homer, missing heir who walked out of a nursing home eight years ago with eight cents in his pockets.

Homer's disappearance never was solved despite a nationwide search. So the orphan's court awarded him \$82,000 estate to four relatives.

The missing man, 26 years old when he vanished from the nursing home at suburban Devon, Pa., was the grandson of the late Chief Justice William S. Gummere of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Homer and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Homer, were patients at the institution under care of neurologists. Mrs. Homer died January 21, 1942, five days before her son vanished. At that time, Homer remarked: "Now that mother is gone, what will happen to me?"

The trust fund he inherited on his mother's death was held by the court during the eight-year waiting period. Then the missing man was declared presumably dead.

Golden canned eling peach halves filled with frosty raspberry sherbet make a very refreshing dessert. Serve dainty crisp cookies with it.

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Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., June 1.—The official weather report for May shows how a statement that is entirely correct factually can misrepresent and misinform.

There is no reason to doubt the accuracy of the New York weather bureau report that the precipitation for the month just ended was approximately 25 per cent below normal.

An outsider would conclude from this that May had not been as wet as usual, and might reasonably assume the month, therefore, had been a pleasant one.

Nothing could be further from the truth. May, climatically, was terrible!

The actual precipitation was below normal, but that was due to the fact that while 60 per cent of the days were cloudy, gloomy and damp, there was very little actual rain—just enough to cancel ball games and force grandpappy to put on his rubbers and a raincoat when he sallied forth.

There was a striking bit of evidence in yesterday's news as to the truth of the above. A mother of four children, declared she was facing starvation and asked for relief because her husband was a carnival worker, and the weather had put street carnivals completely out of business!

The most interesting and inspiring parade on Decoration Day never got into the newspapers,—or if it did, we failed to find it. We ran into it ourselves by accident. A business matter took us over to the East river and returning we were held up by a parade on First Avenue,—the time was about 10:30 a. m. This parade was a Czechoslovakian demonstration of American patriotism and for enthusiasm and color, it made the official affair over on Riverside Drive look like a very tame, routine and Milquetoast demonstration indeed.

The participants ranged from mere babies, to corpulent grandfathers and grandmothers,—each and every one with an American and Czechoslovakian flag, each in native attire,—gold, silver, lace, rainbow-bodices, Alpine hats and corduroy shorts,—and everyone imbued with a spirit of seriousness, exaltation and pride that was genuinely inspiring. We wish "Uncle Joe" could have been there,—he might revise his judgment regarding the loyalty of these sturdy and freedom-loving people to the Moscow-dominated police state!

One of the few genuinely GREAT Americans living today is General George Marshall.

The very qualities that handicapped him as Secretary of State increase his spiritual stature as a private citizen. We refer to the man's COMPLETE integrity, his inability to deceive or dissimulate, whatever the temptation from the purely diplomatic or political standpoint may be.

Of all the speeches on Memorial Day, his at Arlington alone possessed the originality, dignity and impressiveness of true statesmanship and clear, prophetic vision.

George Marshall is one of the few professional soldiers, whose judgment and insight have not been warped or clouded by his training and lifelong devotion to arms.

Needless to say he is not a pacifist. But he realizes,—as so few high-ranking military men seem to realize,—that the profession to which he has devoted his life, has become an anachronism; that war is as out-of-date as a medium of settling national differences, as blood-letting a method of curing disease. He opposes war not as a pacifist on moral THEORY, but on the sound PRACTICAL grounds of not only national self interest, but human survival.

We would like to see the speech he made on Tuesday at Arlington Cemetery, Washington, put into pamphlet form, and distributed not only in this country, but, properly translated, throughout the world.

We can imagine nothing that would show to all the world more clearly the true attitude of this country toward peace and war, and disabuse foreign friend and foe alike of the suspicion that the American people have in recent years fallen for the "Great Illusion" that force ALONE can satisfactorily settle the problems of the post-war world.

To those members of the "False Friends" who extend their sporting interests to baseball, we might once more assume our World Series role of "baseball expert" and remark that the Decoration Day double-headers hereabouts demonstrated that in this sport—as in any other—there is no substitute for "Lady Luck."

Regardless of how baseball teams stack up on paper, or the "dope"—give them the benefit of that old gal and they can't lose, deprive them of her favors and they can't win.

The New York Giants are a good team on paper. They have at least two of the greatest stars in either league, and how they do WANT to win. No team tries harder,—perhaps too hard. But they just don't get the breaks. Lady Luck will have no truck with them. Perhaps the old gal doesn't like Durocher—there are plenty who don't. Whatever the exact cause, the Giants are a striking example of a team that is above the average individually and on the record, but to date at least, just can't click.

The Brooklyn Dodgers are the exact opposite,—at least in the games we have seen. We don't deny they stack up on paper,—with the exception of their pitching staff—even higher than the Giants. But take that double-header which they won against the surprise team of the year—the Phillies—Decoration Day. Time after time, the Brooklyn "gang" got the breaks, the Phillies didn't. We grant the "will-to-win"—morale—always has a lot to do with it. With the "breaks," we mean. Even so the Dodgers were just basking in the smiles of the "old gal," innit' after innit'ing, the Phillies did their best to get her eye and even one nod of encouragement, but nothing doing from the first pitch to the last.

Even so,—here is a hot-tip to G. T.: At, say, one to ten, picking the Phillies to win the National pennant is "sound finance,"—very sound. A fine gilt-edged investment!

So now, Trygve Lie is a Communist,—or a fellow-traveller,—the two terms are becoming more and more synonymous. Ho Hum! How long, Oh Lord, how long will the American people have to endure nit-wits and pinheads in the halls of congress?

If you were editor of a newspaper and someone came in with a communication and this ultimatum: "Print this in your newspaper or cancel my subscription!"

What would you do? It's close to a hundred-to-one bet, you would tell the gentleman—or lady,—to cancel their subscription at once and get out.

That sort of technique just doesn't work in any newspaper office we have ever been familiar with,—or anywhere else for that matter.

Yet that communication might not have been offensive or impugning in any way. But it was the wrong approach. Newspaper editors refuse to be bullied.

A similar situation exists as far as Soviet Russia and UN are concerned in relation to recognition of Red China.

Russia presents a demand, with this proviso: "Either admit Red China to the UN or we get out."

"OK" is the natural and inevitable reaction, "GET OUT!" We are not going to be bullied into any action, by Russia or any other nation.

It may be entirely proper to admit Red China as the de facto government,—and it may well be inevitable.

But human nature being what it is, Soviet Russia adopted the wrong approach. The impasse resulting is not the fault of the United States or any other nation. It is exclusively and COMPLETELY the fault of Russia.

We hate to admit it but the years do often make a difference. For example yesterday an 8-year-old boy in Brooklyn fell through a skylight and landed 40 feet below in a washroom. At the same time a Brooklyn man 49 years old also fell through a skylight and landed only eight feet below on a carpeted floor. The former picked himself up and returned, somewhat dazed but not seriously inconvenienced, to his starting place; the latter was carried to the hospital, and at last report had not regained consciousness.



"He told me we were spending our vacation at a fishing camp and I wouldn't need to buy any new clothes. He's in for the surprise of his life!"

By DR. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

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Your Health and Its Care

ANNUAL OR REAL HAY FEVER versus PERENNIAL OR SPURIOUS HAY FEVER

The characteristic irritation of the membranes of nose, eyes, throat and bronchial tubes, sneezing, watery running of the eyes and nose, redness of the eyes and more than one-third of the cases of a sth in wheezing and labored breathing that characterize the condition commonly known as hay fever, may be an annual recurrence for some victims or a perennial state for others.

When "hay fever" is perennial, that is, when such symptoms harass the victim the year around or at any or all seasons of the year, the chances are 100 to 1 the condition is not hay fever at all, that is, not due to pollen, but to some systemic ailment or state such as sinusitis or sensitivity to cat hair, orris root or horse dander.

Probably one person in every twenty-five or thirty is subject to hay fever, and in one out of every four of these there is more or less asthma.

For years I have been recommending to persons subject to hay fever the practice of increasing their daily intake of calcium and vitamin D particularly in the weeks preceding the usual date of onset. A good many readers have reported that this has carried them through the season in comparative comfort. Of course old A. J. Coincidence may have a hand in it, but in any case this practice can do no harm, may improve general health to a notable degree, for most Americans get insufficient calcium in their diet to maintain good nutrition.

This calcium feeding is prophylactic or preventive only. It is not particularly effective for relief of symptoms after hay fever has developed. Nor is it of much use unless the increased calcium ration is continued without interruption for several weeks at least. Then when the individual's season begins it is advisable to continue the increased calcium intake right through the usual season.

Further information about this and about resorts and about remedies for the relief of the attack of hay fever and/or asthma in the hay fever pamphlet.

In cases of spurious hay fever in which there is excessive watery secretion from eyes and nose, with or without asthmatic wheezing and coughing, boosting the calcium intake, through a high calcium diet and supplementary eating of calcium and vitamin D, seems to bring about considerable improvement. The vitamin D is necessary because without vitamin D it is difficult or impossible to assimilate enough calcium, in food or in medicinal form, to fulfill the requirements of good nutrition.

Good health. More about this in the booklet "The Calcium Shortage," available on request if you

enclose twenty-five cents and a stamped self-addressed envelope. Hay fever, real or spurious, may be characterized as a sissy complaint, primarily due to the inadequate daily ration of calcium and vitamin D in the refined American diet.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Swollen Ankles. My sister and I have been bothered with swollen ankles ever since we were in our teens. We are now 28 and 30. Doctors have merely told us it is poor circulation. None could do anything about it. (Miss C. R.)

Answer—It could do no harm to take a suitable daily ration of iodine. Send stamped self-addressed envelope and ask for the pamphlet "THE IODINE RATION." In many parts of the United States and Canada men, women and children get insufficient iodine in daily food and water to maintain normal metabolism.

"Cure" Was Not Quite Your opinion of a man past 40 who six months ago took the "cure" at an institution for alcoholism, yet persists in taking a "shot" of whiskey or beer or sometimes both every day? (K. F.)

Answer—Well, it can hardly be called a "cure." The best thing that can happen, as the man himself may be first to discover, is that he get in touch with a group of Alcoholics Anonymous in his vicinity. Alcoholics all, they'll never ask him to attend a meeting, but they'll welcome him if he does so on his own. (Copyright 1950 by John F. Dille Co.)

First City Traffic Light in Cleveland

Cleveland, O. (U.P.)—August 5, 1914, is an historic date for American motorists. It is a day that has since cost drivers money, caused high blood pressure and developed many bad tempers.

On that day, according to the Cleveland Automobile club, James B. Hoge, hung up the first traffic light at a now bustling east side intersection here.

Hoge's first signal was hand-operated by a policeman stationed at the corner, who would ring a bell and turn the light on whenever the nearby firehouse received a call.

The signals had full approval of the chamber of commerce and a few months later a second set was installed. However, Hoge's success was not short when the lights were declared unnecessary and impractical.

Kangaroos, Driving Exciting When Mixed

Darwin, Australia (U.P.)—Motorists on the 1,000-mile Darwin-Alice Springs road are using "kangaroosters" to cope with the kangaroo plague.

A "kangarooster" or kangarooswatter is a reinforced bumper for added protection against damage. Almost every week a car reaches Darwin with its front end damaged by the animals.

Like cows, the kangaroos often move across the road instead of away from it. One recently came through a jeep windshield and landed on top of the driver.

But the kangaroo hazard isn't confined to the road. Before leaving for an inland airfield, the pilot messaged the ground men: "Please have the drome cleared of kangaroos."

By FRANK JENKINS
From Washington:
"Senator Taft, of Ohio, chairman of the GOP policy committee, told a reporter he is opposed to the whole principle of trying to arm other nations because he is afraid it invites Russia to go to war. But he conceded that, since congress embarked on the plan last year it won't turn back now."

Senator Taft then added: "I don't approve of the policy, but I won't lead any fight on the program."

LAST year we committed ourselves to the expenditure of one and a third billions for the arming of European nations. Congress is now considering the appropriation of another billion and a quarter for the same purpose. It is a foregone conclusion that the money will be appropriated.

IS THAT wise? I don't know. I don't think anybody knows. So far as I can recall, I never heard of any good coming of buying guns and spreading them around among the neighbors.

Still, I rather imagine that if I were in congress I would vote for the program. I wouldn't know what else to do.

IM SURE, however, that if we permit ourselves to fall for the delusion that we can HIRE SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO OUR FIGHTING FOR US we'll be gone gossling, Rome proved that for some 20 centuries ago.

When Roman citizens ceased to be willing to bare their breasts to the foe and began to hire mercenaries to fill up the legions, it was the beginning of the end of Rome.

THERE is a curious little tale in the news about Loves

Park, Ill. Loves Park is a suburb of Rockford. It was incorporated as a city back in 1947, but it seems that through some boggle or other ITS ORDINANCES DIDN'T TAKE and now it has no city laws.

I wouldn't be surprised if a lot of people in Illinois took it into their heads to MOVE TO LOVES PARK. Laws are getting so numerous that any place that has fewer of them is beginning to look attractive.

AND here's a strange, strange story from Stuttgart, in the western part of Germany: "Wine growers of the state of Wuertemberg-Baden met this week to find a way to meet the danger of growing Coca Cola consumption, the Sueddeutsche Zeitung (South Germany newspaper) reported today.

"The newspaper said the growers decided IT WAS UP TO THEM TO PRODUCE BETTER, HEALTHIER WINE SO THE PEOPLE WILL DRINK MORE OF IT."

OVER most of the rest of the world we'd have yelled bloody murder for a law or a tax or a tariff to keep the wicked Coca Cola out. Those Wuertembergers draw their belts a hole tighter and allow as how if they're going to keep people drinking wine instead of coke it's'n to them to MAKE BETTER WINE!!!!

They're old-fashioned and stuck in the mud and dead to all modern political progress. But I can't help admiring their rugged individualism.

"THE way to meet competition is to make a better product" That idea is so old and so time-tested and so sound that it's practically revolutionary.

New Zealand Pianist Plays 7 Days in Row

Auckland, N. Z. (U.P.)—Jim Montecino claims that when he played the piano non-stop for 176 hours and 45 minutes he established a world record.

The 45-year-old New Zealander sat at a piano in Auckland's Trocadero cabaret and played for seven days. He ate three meals a day, supplemented by bowls of soup and cups of tea, as he played thousands of tunes and request numbers.

"The first day was the hardest," Montecino said. "The nights passed quickly, but the days dragged." After six days his feet and ankles began to swell and slits were cut in the sides of his carpet slippers.

Montecino chain-smoked 250 cigarettes daily during his endurance test, and used powerful smelling salts to fight sleep. At intervals caudé-Cologne was sprayed on his face.

His feet were so swollen when he ended his marathon that he had to be carried to a couch, where he slept for 18 hours.

Montecino said he intends to visit the United States sometime this year to challenge marathon pianists there.

CASE SOON SOLVED
Brockton, Mass. (U.P.)—Alert detective work quickly solved a robbery at the C. A. Eaton company shoe store. Police spotted a young man wearing a new pair of shoes and carrying a carton containing another pair, Harold R. Brown, 18, admitted the break and said he was trying to sell the extra pair.



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FAMILY WELCOME
Big Laurel, Va. (U.P.)—A wren couldn't find a better place to build a nest than on Lee F. Craigie's truck. Craigie discovered a nest in the tool compartment of his truck, with six speckled eggs in it. He parked the truck and bought another one. He said he'll not use the old one until the eggs hatch.

LEARNS TO KNIT
Pittsfield, Mass. (U.P.)—Some 185 Pittsfield fathers learned to knit under the prodding of their daughters, who trained them for a contest sponsored by the Camp Fire girls. The winning father took home a sport shirt as his prize while the daughter who trained him was awarded a skirt and blouse.

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