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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History

from the files of the Mail Tribune

June 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 13, 1940

(It Was Thursday)

Col. Ralph P. Cowling, former

commanding officer of local

national guard unit, now heads

188th infantry of guard.

Miss Jean McPherson to enter

nursing school in Portland.

Medford 20-30 club to host

district convention of organiza-

tion Saturday.

Lloyd Williamson elected com-

mander of Legion post here,

succeeding H. J. Melring.

Miss Frances Port to assist in

swimming classes at Medford

this summer.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 13, 1930

(It Was Friday)

Growers in valley expect

Bartlett pears to bring \$40 per

ton, cannery prices.

Improvements completed to

Lake O' Woods road via Butte

Falls and Oak lake.

Gilmore Oil company announces

local plant scheduled.

Max Schmeling of Germany

wins heavyweight title on foul

from Jack Sharkey.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 13, 1916

(It Was Tuesday)

Local residents warned they

must shut off lawn watering

when fire alarm sounds.

Mrs. June Curtis, Eagle Point,

and Mrs. A. N. Thomas, Central

Point, observe 87th birthday

anniversaries.

Page theater to inaugurate

vaudeville program soon for first

time in city.

Gebhard Trial Set at

Enterprise Tomorrow

Allen E. Gebhard, Medford

cabinetmaker, his attorney, Ed-

ward C. Kelly, and Mrs. Kelly,

left here Monday for Enterprise,

Ore., where Gebhard faces trial

Wednesday on a manslaughter in-

dictment.

The first grand jury indict-

ment returned against Gebhard

for the accidental shooting of

Reed Wade, 35, Lostine, during

a hunting trip last December,

was found insufficient at an ear-

lier hearing, Kelly explained.

The trial results from a new in-

dictment returned by a new

grand jury, he said.

The accidental shooting oc-

curred when two different elk

hunting parties showed up in the

same wilderness area of the Wal-

lowa mountains and culminated

in a rubber boat ride down the

rapid Grand Ronde river in an

attempt to get Wade to medical

attention before he died.

SOLID TRADITION

Chicago, (U.P.)—Even if she

didn't want to go to school at

St. Xavier's Academy, Helene

Lawson probably would be over-

ruled. Both of her grandmothers

were classmates there. Her

mother attended it. So did all of

her aunts on both sides of the

family, all of her sisters and

nine of her cousins.

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Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., June 9.—Back on the super-highway, everything passing the Medford conveyance from gas trucks to Austins, but unlike some of them, we did not get a ticket.

Speed limits from Boston to New York are posted in large type, and vary from 35 to 55 per hour. We failed to see any type of motor vehicle making less than 60, and the average was around 75. From White Plains into New York on the Hudson Parkway the traffic was dense and the motor cops busy.

We would not care for their jobs. They had to barge into that hell-bent mass of metal, tail their victims, wave them into a "repair" parking space, and get themselves and the defendants out of the mess without a fatality. Not an easy thing to do!

Once upon a time we lived five years in the state of Massachusetts. We can't recall being impressed very much by the state's scenic beauty. But we were this time. The number of small lakes—or large ponds if you prefer—scattered all over the place were particularly noticeable and attractive. We remembered Fresh and Pump ponds back in "the good old days," but no recollection of scores of them tucked away in the thickly wooded landscape, like sapphires set in rich emerald plush—or SOMETHING! (They looked very "fishable" too).

"We would like to see"—General George Marshall in the White House. We would greatly prefer him to General Eisenhower, but grant he would not be as good a politician or as potent a vote-getter. He would be something the country greatly needs now and will probably need even more as time goes on—a man of ability, courage, great wisdom, and complete unselfishness. We don't know whether he is a Democrat or Republican—and would not care. He is one of the very few genuinely GREAT men in the country today who in any crisis, would do what he believed best for his country and the world, regardless of all personal and partisan considerations. A rare type!

We are glad to learn William Remington, suspected Commerce department employee has been indicted for perjury by a special grand jury, following his denial before that jury a month ago that he was not, and never had been a member of the Communist party. We would like to see all other federal suspects brought before this, or similar juries, and if evidence warrants, indictments returned. Or if sufficient evidence could not be produced then let the suspects return to work and be given a clean bill of health.

In other words we would like to see all these so-called "loyalty" cases taken out of politics and put into the courts where they belong—where all the facts can be produced by both sides, where the prosecution and defense will have the same opportunity to be heard, and a decision reached based upon those facts—the truth—and not upon hysteria or hearsay.

Pleased on our return to find a "call" from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carpenter of "Topsides" who are staying at the "Ritz" en route to Cambridge for a rather unusual occasion. Their son, Harlow, is to graduate from Harvard, "AI" is to attend his "45th" class reunion, and the eldest son of the family, "Dunbar," is to attend his "50th." Three "Carpers," all loyal sons of the same alma mater, gathering together on their respective class days—wonder if the strawberries will be as luscious and sweet and huge as they were on a similar occasion some four and one-half decades ago!

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Al—who never looked better—held a Medford reunion alongside the "duck pond" at the Ritz. Mr. and Mrs. Harlow flew down from Cambridge and a nice time was had by all. "Ye Editor" got all the latest news from the valley and most of it good—or at least not bad enough to print.

It is really starting to warm up now—and rather a relief after the cold, wet spring. —R.W.R.

Six Men Seek Election on District 6 School Board

Central Point, June 13.—Hal Bishop, Gold Hill, yesterday became the sixth man to accept nomination for district No. 6 school board director. Bishop, a resident of the Gold Hill community for five years, operates the Art center at Medford. An active drive in his behalf is expected with Tom Phelps, Gold Hill, as chairman.

Six-Day Program For Girls' State Gets Under Way

Salem, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—A six-day program for 190 girls from all parts of the state began today for the annual girls' state event, sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary. Purpose of the annual girls' state is to teach young women the responsibilities in American citizenship and good government. Today's speakers were to include Lawson McCall, administrative assistant to Gov. Douglas McKay, and Capt. William Browne, Portland police department detective.

Other Oregonians taking part in the government program this week include State Senator Marie Wilcox of Grants Pass, Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland, and Mrs. Hubert Goode, past national president of the American Legion auxiliary. Mrs. Lavern L. Campbell of Medford leads the commission for girls' state. Other commission members include Mrs. Allan Ryman of Bend, Mrs. Frank Updike of Toledo, Mrs. Fred M. Wirts of Sheridan, and Mrs. M. Wayne Pond of Corvallis. The program ends Sunday.

Mayor Proclaims 'Engineers' Day' On Anniversary

Mayor Diamond Flynn has proclaimed June 16 Engineer's day. The date marks the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the army corps of engineers by the continental congress. Flynn asked residents on that day to pay homage to the past and the future of the corps, to their honored dead and to their living efforts. He requested a pledge of support to their work during years of peace.

The mayor pointed to the engineers' wartime service, to their improvement of United States' harbors and to their labor to harness rivers for flood control, for hydroelectric power and for extension of advancement of water-borne commerce.

FIRE LOSSES DOWN Albany, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—Linn county insured rural and farm properties fire losses were \$44,291 less last year than in 1948, according to the state fire marshal's office. Total insured losses in 1949 were \$149,258, as compared with 1948's \$184,549.

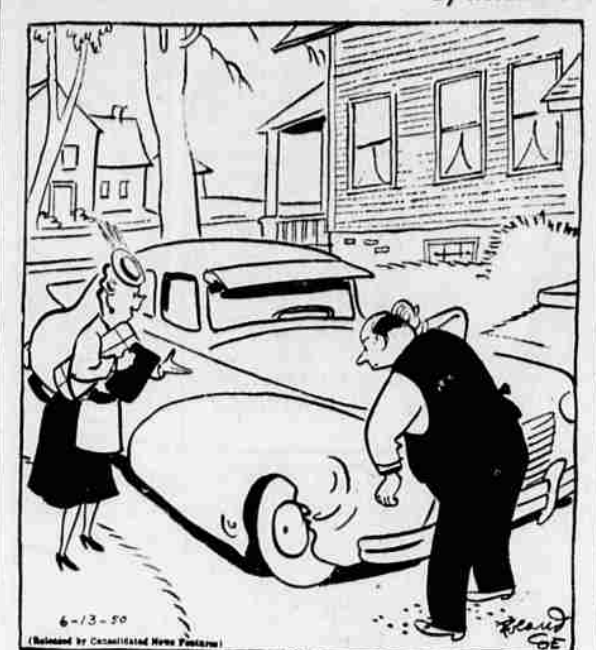
After judging, prizes will be awarded and safety talks given over a public address system. Contestants should be at the store by 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Oaks of Guadalupe island, Mexico's westernmost possession, have the largest known acorns, fully two inches in diameter.

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Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Only two dents in the fender isn't too bad when you consider I had to park the car THREE times!"

Catfish Derby Set June 18; Rules List Given by 20-30ians

Medford 20-30 club, in the final week of preparation for its 14th annual National Catfish derby, today listed its rules for contestants. The derby will be held Sunday, June 18, at Tou Velle park at Bybee bridge on Rogue river. Once again the affair will be in the form of an old fashioned country style picnic. Twenty-thirties will provide prizes and entertainment and will operate a concession stand.

Competition Open Competition is open to all male and female persons, residents of the United States who are between the ages of six months and 150 years. Catfish entered may be caught in any stream, lake, dam, creek or other body of water within the continental limits of the United States.

Closing time for entries will be 3 p.m. Sunday. Entries will be registered at the north end of the stage between 1:30 and 3 p.m. Catfish entered may be caught at any time prior to the closing hour for registration providing fish are in good condition. Judges may disqualify fish not in a good state of preservation.

Must Observe Laws Contestants must comply with all federal and state game and fish laws and must have 1950 fishing licenses on their persons and must exhibit same when required. Copies of laws are available at any sporting goods store. Contestants must actually catch fish entered by themselves.

Two Central Point Units Win Honors At Rose Festival

Central Point, June 13.—The drum and bugle corps of Boy Scout Troop 40, Central Point, and Helene Blumenstein's majorettes, performing together, won a blue and a red ribbon in the Junior Rose Festival parade in Portland last week. Doug Sawtelle is scoutmaster of the troop.

Majorettes taking part were Mary Lou Koch, drum major, ette, and Doreen Bohner. Sallen Elden, Vicki Noel, Earlene South, Patsy Charley, Marilyn Stringer, Linda Bateman and Rita Bateman, baton twirlers. Boy scouts participating were Danny Isaacs, drum major, and Jerry Kessler. Don Burleson, Bobbie Elden, James Higinbotham, Donald Hubbard, Bud Squire, Morton Gossett, Lee Gossett, Roy Gillaspay, drummers, Harold Leffer, Dennis Bateman, Elvise Laxson, Andrew Taylor and David Setness.

Marlene Burleson and Sandy Kessler were banner bearers and Norman Mallon and Karl Morse were flag bearers.

It was reported that the scout's drum and bugle corps has been given by the store. The prizes will consist of merchandise, and are now on display at the store. All contestants will be given ice cream and a soft drink through the courtesy of Frank Grover, of Nesbitt Bottling company.

All contestants should register before the parade at the sporting goods department of the Montgomery Ward store. A set of wheel discs and a list of safety rules will be given each.

Groups To Aid Bliss Heine's Juniors will lead the parade, and a unit of the Eve Prentice Accordion band will also march. The Junior Red Cross has offered help in decorating bikes, and members of Boy Scout Troop 9 will aid in forming and handling the parade.

The line of March will be from Eighth street, where it will form, north on Bartlett to Sixth, west on Sixth to Fir, south on Fir to Main, east on Main to Central, and south on Central to the store.

After judging, prizes will be awarded and safety talks given over a public address system. Contestants should be at the store by 1:30 p.m. Friday.

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'A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—The most noble chief cur has called the annual meeting to order and we members of the Order of Yellow Dogs will come hither, tail-wagging.

It was initiated last year into the Yellow Dogs, a kennel of the department of commerce. I wup up as a pup. As of now, I am a full-grown hound dog, or "Big Bark" as we call him, is Gerald Ryan. He not only uses good dog sense in organizing the annual funfest, but writes an amusing letter to members every once in awhile. He signs it off "KRLY and sincerely yours."

Kennel No. 2 meets each spring at the farm of John Collins over in Virginia. It's quite a show. When I got my cur card last year, the boys gave me the works. Harmless, but fun. They put you through the same sort of nonsense you go into in joining a college fraternity—which seems to be a little silly for grown-up people. Crawl Through Obstacles

First you are blindfolded and made to crawl through all sorts of obstacles; hop over fences that aren't there and dodge paddles we fat men couldn't hit the afterdeck of a fellow cur with. There are all sorts of sound effects, like the rattling of tin cans and the pounding of clubs on the bottom sides of wash tubs.

Nobody gets hurt, everybody has fun and the hot dogs are hot and the suds cool. Ryan thought for a time he had made a mis'ake in planning the spring outing for next Saturday. The National Press club is running its annual carnival the same day and many Yellow Dogs also belong to the club.

Ryan now can sign with relief—and does. One of the Press club carnival's main attractions won't be on hand. It is quite a story.

Horse Famed Out Johnny Webster, a lawyer member of the club, accepted a sleek, black gelding in lieu of a fee in a court martial case. Having no room for a horse on his little place in Virginia, Johnny farmed Trigger out to his friend, Navy. Capt. Walter Karig.

Karig's pretty 23-year-old daughter, Keating, put a pretty leg over the black beauty and soon discovered it was a fancy jumper. Under pressure, she agreed to invade the Press club stag party and put the beast over the hurdles.

Well, sir, the other day Trigger kicked open the door of the paddock, pumped his hind legs and disappeared into the woods. Johnny's unhappy over losing what amounted to his fee. The Karigs are unhappy and Keating is heart-broken.

The Press club isn't very happy, either, having billed the horse and its lovely rider as one of the chief attractions. Most Noble Chief Cur Gerald Ryan is wearing a sly grin. He expects a good turnout at the Yellow Dogs meeting.

Navy Electronics Unit Here To Be Northwest's 1st

The minimum personnel requirement for the formation of a naval reserve electronics company was filled at a meeting of former navy men here last night. Lt. Henry Fisher, USNR, who has been active in the formation of the unit, said it is believed the Medford unit will be the first to be activated in the entire Pacific Northwest. "We feel that it is a tribute to men of the Rogue valley that the area can claim this distinction," he said.

A request was sent to the commander of the 13th naval district last night requesting immediate activation. Registration Monday Preliminary registration of men intending to join the unit will be made next Monday night when the group holds its regular meeting at the Federal building, Lieutenant Fisher said. The week following, Lt. T. H. Pierce, district naval procurement officer, will attend to explain final details before the company is activated.

While the major portion of the enlisted ratings have been filled, openings still exist for seamen recruits, the naval officer said. Purpose of the unit will be to provide training for new men as well as give former naval personnel a chance to advance. New men will have the opportunity to choose the field in which they are most interested—radio, radar, sonar, or electronics.

Because of the relatively small complement of the unit, assignment will be on a first-come, first-served basis, Lt. Fisher said. Men intending to apply for billets are advised to be present at next Monday's meeting to assure that a position will be available.

Salem City Council Agrees to Ease Up On Fireworks Ban Salem, Ore., June 13.—(U.P.)—If Salem's younger generation is celebrating today it's because the city council last night agreed to ease up on a month-old law prohibiting fireworks sales and explosions within the city limits.

However, final action on the motion will not be taken until the council's June 26 meeting. Fireworks distributors had asked the council to reconsider their earlier action in view that dealers already had bought fireworks supplies for sale in Salem.

BACK in Hamilton, O., they have a city councilman who is stirred on power lawnmowers, whose putt-putt, he says, drives him nuts. He wants to know if something can't be done about it under the town's ordinance forbidding nuisance noises.

By the way, Do you reckon the guy might possibly have a barking dog—or a yowling cat? If so, it would weaken his case against the power lawnmower owners.

PEOPLE TOO POLITE Monterey, Cal.—(U.P.)—Census takers in Monterey found themselves losing money because people were too nice. Residents invited the census takers in for a snack or a little chat. It all took time and as the workers pointed out, they were getting paid by the name at seven cents each.

TONIGHT IN OUR TOWN They'll Rally 'Round

HEAR DON LONIE MEDFORD JUNIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM 8 P.M.—Good Music, Singing

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

30 Families Flee Idaho Flash Flood

Lewiston, Ida., June 13.—(U.P.) Thirty families fled their homes early today when a flash flood turned two creeks into torrents. Two bridges were washed out, and two auto trailers were carried downstream with lumber, poles and chicken coops.

Mrs. Ellen Painter, an 82-year-old invalid, was evacuated by ambulance to St. Joseph's hospital where attendants said she was suffering from shock.

Three feet of water swirled through the main floor of a tavern, and six feet of water covered the floor of the city water purification plant. Pumps suspended on buoys were used to keep the machinery dry.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays.

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