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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 20, 1940

(It Was Thursday)

Henry L. Stimson named sec-

retary of war; Frank Knox to

head navy department.

Thursday Morning Study club

elects Mrs. Eugene Thorndyke

as president.

Ernest W. Wilmerford, Med-

ford, and Harold J. Grew, Eagle

Point, pass flight exams at local

airport.

About 400 valley women re-

ported busy making clothes for

war victims of Europe.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 20, 1930

(It Was Friday)

Holly theater to be completed

by end of next month.

Forest fire lookouts take posi-

tions in upper Applegate.

Transients in valley creating

labor surplus, federal office re-

ports.

Petitions seeking ban of cigar-

ettes in Oregon circulated about

valley.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 20, 1916

(It Was Tuesday)

County Fair association elects

A. J. Vance president and C. E.

Gates and G. A. Morse vice-

presidents.

W. E. Phipps elected school

director; voters turn down bonds

for improvements to Washing-

ton school.

John Walker and eight cow-

punchers take large herd of cat-

tle through Prospect on way

from valley to forest grazing

lands.

Wheat Acreage

Allotments To Be

Effective in 1951

Wheat acreage allotments will

be in effect for the 1951 wheat

crop, according to word re-

ceived today from the depart-

Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N. Y., June 14.—Water restrictions on washing motor cars and building exteriors have been lifted. This in spite of the fact that with the dog days approaching, water usage exceeds water intake by several million gallons daily. However, for the first time storage supply is practically the same this year as last at the same date (over 90 per cent), and apparently, it is figured, a calculated-risk can be taken.

A large portion of the apartments and residences in this immediate neighborhood are either faced or trimmed with white stone. In modern Manhattan, this white stone doesn't remain white long, and with the lifting of water restrictions, clean-up gangs are now busy with special power hoses and special tools. Dark stone is turned to white stone as the workers move from section to section—a more striking evidence of the effect of New York City's "smog" could hardly be imagined.

Coincidentally a new drive to clean up the litter from 14th to 72nd has been launched. (Why Harlem should be exempted we can't see—perhaps that vile and unkempt section will face a clean-up later.) It is amazing what a difference a bit of law enforcement can make. There were 371 "summonses" issued yesterday, and this morning we walked on East 70th to East river. In comparison with a week ago the street was transformed—not exactly spotless, but empty cans, overflowing garbage containers and dirty papers flying about, had practically disappeared. When word gets around a dirty sidewalk and front steps may mean a fine of from \$2 to \$5—even a greater improvement may be observed.

The British government's "executive committee" declares against cooperating in the French-German effort to integrate western Europe's economy because of the confusion that might result. "Confusion" is good! There will be something far more serious in Europe than "confusion" if Great Britain places its precious socialist ideology above the welfare of the democratic world!

The Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees were both beaten last night by the Chicago Cubs and White Sox respectively. The Dodgers are now three games behind the league-leading Cardinals, and Detroit is leading the "world champs" by 27 percentage points. Thus have the mighty fallen!

We still expect the Yankees will win out in the American League; but unless the Dodgers get a new and better pitching staff they will be lucky to end up better than third. Newcombe, the negro twirler, is the best they have but he isn't half the man he was a year ago. As for the others they—etc., etc.

To return to "calculated risks." It has long been the belief of this department that it is not America's "billion dollar military program" that is preventing Soviet Russia from launching a "hot war." It is neither American might nor the Atlantic pact that is giving the Kremlin pause. It is instead the realization that if Russia should start a war, it would be a war to the finish and that in such a war, the superior industrial "know-how" and natural resources of the U.S.A. would ultimately render a Russian victory impossible. In other words, it is not America's ACTUAL military might as of today, but her military POTENTIAL via the long pull that is keeping Uncle Joe "a good boy" behind the iron curtain. No fool is Uncle Joe, he is not going to make the fatal mistake Germany under the Kaiser and Hitler made. So-o-o-o-o-o.

It WOULD involve a calculated risk. But we believe Uncle Sam could safely concentrate more and more on increasing industrial production, and less and less on increasing purely military expenditures, during the next four or five years. Certainly there is no justification for endangering a sound business economy, by the astronomical expenditures which some of the munition magnates and militarists now recommend, for war purposes only.

There are pan-handlers and beggars in New York—not many—but one pan-handler on Madison between 65th and 69th has solicited your correspondent a dozen times. In fact we have struck up quite an acquaintance—we gave him two-bits a couple of times because the young man looked so sick, but have merely kidded him since then. He looks like a drug addict, pale, drawn, pathetic, and may be, but he denies it; claims he has pernicious anemia and is merely trying to get Vitamin 12 which is a sure cure but expensive.

Quite a problem—beggars and pan-handlers, here in New York or any large city. Some look so appealing and pathetic, as this young man does (he may be in his late 30's) and their appeal so convincing. And yet they must be fakes or worse, because if they were deserving they could get on relief. For relief is not difficult to procure in New York—last summer two elderly sisters on relief complained because they failed to get their checks while on a tour of Europe! (Don't laugh, that's the truth!)

Also there are "prospectors" in this bubbling and soiled cosmopolis. They are not searching for gold in the hills, they are searching for money and jewels on the streets, and especially below the sidewalk gratings. According to the policeman in this precinct, they make a fairly good thing of it. With eight or nine million people milling around, day after day, naturally considerable change is dropped, and some jewels ditto. At any rate these metropolitan prospectors spend their time looking along the curbs and crannies—ditto the iron gratings—for what they may procure. Some are equipped with fishlines and haphazard magnets—believe it or not we saw one of the pull half-dollar up from a sidewalk grating down on Park avenue and 45th street. As has been observed in this department often before—it takes all sorts of people to make the world.

The chattering and rollicksome bobby-sockers are grouped in front of the hotel again, so Bing must be back. He has been expected by the management but how these school gals get wind of it, remains a mystery. It also seems strange the Medford delegation never runs into him—he and his entourage have a suite on the floor below and yet we never see—or seldom—hear him.

In our last communique we referred to the fact the Harvard Rain-Maker had gone up again in his plane to seed the clouds the day before. Well it rained yesterday and is still raining today. Only once has the Rainmaker admitted his efforts induced rainfall, yet practically every time he goes UP the rain comes DOWN. How come?

According to our special operator in the valley, G.T. is secretly practicing up his golf game to increase his income when P.G.A. returns. Ok, ok. But the match will have to be played under P.G.A. rules, if a ball is picked up on the green, fairway or rough, it costs two strokes. At Ardmore Sunday, Mangrum picked up his ball on the green, merely to shake off a green aphid and thereby lost two strokes to Ben Hogan. It will also be against the rules to tee up on a dandelion!

—R.W.R.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 100 words.

Firecrackers, Doss, Etc.

To the editor: Another year has rolled around and we are about ready to hear our annual (let's call it a spade spade) bluff to the people, that we have an ordinance prohibiting the sale or shooting of fire crackers within the city limits, and that this year it will be strictly enforced. We have been getting that same old story year after year. Last year we called up the police and asked why the ordinance was not enforced? We naturally expected after the statement they had made. They said five thousand had called and asked the same question. All of these people calling in brought no results. Same old story, nothing done.

Mr. Ruhl wrote a very good editorial on this very same thing on July 12, 1949, urging the city to repeal or enforce the law. Same results, nothing done.

About the first of April we got another so-called warning, being told that we had an ordinance prohibiting dogs from running at large and that they now had a dog catcher, and the ordinance would be strictly enforced. We checked with the police judge and found that not a single fine has been imposed yet the dogs are running loose all over town. All we have is another man being paid to fail to do his duty.

Only a couple of weeks ago a car occupied by a couple of new-

cars raced down Main street and passed through the red light at Central and a policeman looked on and did nothing.

The police force has more to do than take the money out of the meters and write a few tickets for parking overtime. We find that we have about the most perfect method to encourage a disregard for law, also a disrespect for our enforcement officers.

Frank Howell,
C. J. Haas.

No Shooting War With Russia Said in Sight

Salem, Ore., June 20.—(U.P.)—No shooting war with the Russians is in immediate sight in the opinion of Dr. Bohus Benus, University of California political science professor now teaching at Willamette university for the summer session.

Even with the "cold war" getting colder and the iron curtain closing around satellite countries, the nephew of the late Dr. Edward Beneš, former president of Czechoslovakia, felt open warfare between the west and Russia was unlikely for the time being.

He also stated that a meeting between President Truman and Joseph Stalin and radio programs beamed to the Russian people would do little to break through the Russian orbit of isolation.

11 MADE CITIZENS

Salem, Ore., June 20.—(U.P.)—Eleven Marion county residents were made citizens of the United States during a brief ceremony here yesterday.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, June 20.—(U.P.)—I have a young friend who has great promise of becoming a good journalist.

At a matter of fact, my pal already is in the newspaper business.

Patsy Kirby divides her time between putting out a newspaper, going to school, in season—and playing with her dolls. Patsy is all of 11 years old.

Her daddy, Edward W. Kirby, used to be a newspaperman himself and now is a public relations man about town. He claims he did not push or pull his cute little girl into the publishing business. She thought it up herself.

Patsy has come a long way already. She has been hunkering a typewriter since she was four and can out-type this humble one and most other newsmen I know.

The little girl puts out one of today's strangest publications. There is but a single typed copy and her news-stand is the coffee table at home.

The family passes it around after supper on publication day. It comes out whenever the spirit moves Patsy, which is often.

She does the whole thing herself, even to writing all of the headlines. A recent issue had this banner:

"M. Kirby Buys New Wardrobe, Accessories, Etc."

(All the words spelled correctly.)

"M. Kirby" is Marjorie Kirby, her mother. The item read:

"M. Kirby is a blooming model. In the short course of a week, she has accumulated a pair of red shoes, three new dresses, a red handbag and a bottle of perfume. Next week there will be other dresses, which have been altered. Next time she walks down the street—"

Musical Notes Written

At this point, young Editor Kirby pencil-wrote some musical notes, hinting that the boys might give her mother the old wolf whistle.

Under this item was another having to do with the family wardrobe. It was about E. W. Kirby—her old man.

Louisiana Senate Kills Newspaper Measure

Baton Rouge, La., June 20.—(U.P.)—A bill to force Louisiana newspapers to print replies from persons they attack editorially has been killed by the state senate.

The measure was introduced last week after the senate had rebuked Publisher David Stern and Editor Clayton Fritchey of the New Orleans Item for printing an editorial calling legislators "trained seals."

A committee approved the bill but it was defeated 13 to 9 when it came to a vote yesterday.

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HEC met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Johnny Henshaw. New residents of the community are Mr. and Mrs. David Bergan from Washington. They are living in the house formerly occupied by the Glenn Wards. Mr. and Mrs. Ward and daughter have moved to their new home near Central Point.

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Main Street

By Ralph Stein



"Couple of dames just dropped in. Mom. Shall I keep 'em covered till you come down?"

"E. W. Kirby," it said, "is also getting a new outfit. A tan suit, a blue suit, etc. There is one thing left on his shopping list; something to grow hair."

Patsy doesn't leave herself out. She had one headed: "P. Kirby May be a Prize Winner."

It told about the young lady placing an entry in a contest—the first prize a trip to Alaska.

The little "paper" is sectioned, after a fashion. For instance, on one side of the paper she has a column called "Spell Our Authors" with some of the words spelled correctly and some not. Down at the bottom of the next column are the wrong ones, spelled right.

"They can't catch me," she said. "I look em' all up before I type them out."

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