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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 25, 1940

(It Was Tuesday)

Murray Bell announces Maid-
Rite sandwich shop remodeled
and enlarged.

Mrs. Kate Otterbein, 71, native
of Jackson county, dies.

Medford Musical society elects
Mrs. A. O. Bauman president
and Mrs. M. N. Hogan vice-
president.

Mabel C. Mack, home demon-
stration agent here since 1929,
to be acting nutrition specialist
at Oregon State college.

Southern Oregon Janitors' as-
sociation elects Guy Davis, Med-
ford, president.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 25, 1930

(It Was Wednesday)

President Hoover plans veto
of veterans' relief bill.

Fruitmen ask for more fruit
inspectors in this area.

South Pacific highway now
being widened and improved to
be kept open nights and holi-
days.

Portland Journal editorial
characterizes Ashland as "town
that came back."

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 25, 1916

(It Was Sunday)

Miss Stella Anderson crown-
ed queen at Scandinavian
mid-summer festival in Ashland
park.

Former members of national
guard seventh company hasten
to enlist in anticipation of pos-
sible duty in Mexican campaign.

The Rev. Alfred J. Hogg, new
pastor of local Presbyterian
church, to preach first sermon
today.

REASON ENOUGH

Los Angeles, June 24—(U.P.)—

Almost 26 years ago Roland
Clendening was married in
Wheeling, W. Va. Eight days after
the wedding on July 7, 1924,
his wife Alice told him she mar-
ried only to get away from strict
parents and left him, he said.

Reapportionment

Efforts to bring about reapportionment of senators and representatives to the state legislature, and the charges and counter charges being hurled by up-state advocates of the two proposed plans have failed so far to create any particular stir in Jackson county's political waters.

THE apathy hereabouts is probably due to three things, mainly:

1. Most of us have not paid enough attention to the matter;
2. Have become so confused by the multiplicity of names for the two proposals and the conflicting claims that we have consigned the matter to the "file and forget basket"; or
3. Inasmuch as under either plan Jackson county would have the same number of senators and representatives as at present, reapportionment has not seemed particularly important, locally.

IT is regrettable that so little interest has been manifested for the reapportionment question holds a number of major implications for every voter in Oregon.

Concentration of legislative voting power in the thickly populated centers is a possibility to be avoided and gerrymandering, that is grouping counties into districts for the advantage of one political party or the other, is also a possible and undesirable complication.

PETITIONS now being circulated seeking to place the proposals on the November ballot designate them as the "balanced plan," and the "population plan."

The former is mainly supported by the State Farm Bureau and many county Grange chapters and has the official approval of the Republican state organization.

IN BRIEF, the balanced plan would give each county one member in the lower house, with the senate apportioned according to population. The remaining 24 members of the house would also be chosen according to population. At present there are only 30 state senators. Under the balanced plan there would be 36.

The balanced plan provides that no one county shall have more than one-fourth of the legislative membership in either house and it limits consolidation of sparsely-populated counties in one senatorial district to three. Counties so consolidated must be contiguous.

THE "population plan" which would have senate and house seats apportioned on the basis of population and would limit a county to one-third of the legislative membership, has democratic favor, is backed by the Farmers' Union, AFL and CIO groups and at least a segment of the Multnomah county Young Republicans.

ONLY the names of registered voters will count on the reapportionment petitions and voters may sign both petitions, if they so desire. Each petition must have about 26,000 valid signatures. County clerks will check the names against voting records and the petitions must be filed with the secretary of state before July 6.

IT is predicted that both plans will gain enough signatures to insure a place on the general election ballot and should they do so voters at that time can mark their "X" for either, both, or neither.

Although the Oregon legislature is required by the state constitution to reapportion itself each 10 years after the federal census, no such action has been taken since 1911.—E.C.F.

Welcome, Letter Carriers

Medford is delighted to play host this week-end to the Oregon convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers and their Ladies Auxiliary. The mail man is always welcome, you know, except possibly just after the first of the month.

IT IS OUR hope that the organization's officials and delegates from throughout the state and the colorful and tuneful Letter Carriers' band from Portland, enjoy their visit.

Special consideration has been promised by the weather man—he wasn't too cooperative during the recent Lions convention. But even if the meteorological wack the mail will go about their sure as they do their daily task at home where, to paraphrase Herodotus:

"Neither snow nor rain nor gloom of night stays their appointed rounds."—E.C.F.

Several Items on Uncle Sam's Tax List May Soon Cost Less Money

Washington, June 24.—(U.P.)—A ticket to the movies may cost you a nickel less before long. And the price you pay for a handbag, an alarm clock, automobile tire or railroad ticket may be coming down a little, too.

The reason is that Congress at last seems to be on its way to cutting federal excise taxes. These are the taxes the government collects—from rich and poor alike—on certain items.

Many people call these sales taxes. But whatever the name, you pay the tax whenever you buy one of the items on Uncle Sam's tax list.

Congress isn't going to remove these taxes altogether. But it is showing signs of cut-

Savings Expected in New Commission Rate

Salem, Ore., June 24.—(U.P.)—Estimated savings of more than \$1 million will occur with a sharp reduction in employer contribution rates for firms insured by the state industrial accident commission, the office said today.

The reductions are scheduled to take effect July 1. The farming and lumbering basic industries should reflect the largest savings to be given to the lumbering industry is a direct result of the excellent cooperation between labor and management in reducing accidents.

been approved by the House Ways and Means committee. Unless an unexpected hitch occurs, it will be approved by the House of Representatives next week.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



Pickin' Pears

News, Gossip, Comment From Camp White

By L. J. "Tick" Malarkey

When Leonard Harvey Camp, Central Point, was reelected state chaplain in Eugene at the Disabled American War Veterans convention week before last, he accepted this office perhaps in lieu of being elected state commander of the group. There is little doubt that if he had wanted the office he could have been elected had he chosen to be a serious candidate. However, the popular Central Point minister felt he could be of greater service in the chaplaincy for another year.

State Chaplain Camp was born in Nebraska, Apr. 18, 1897. He enlisted in the army from that state June 2, 1918, and served in France with the 83rd division where he was disabled. Returned to the states, he was discharged Aug. 24, 1919. In September of that year Mr. Camp entered theological training and was graduated from Cotner college and Minnesota Bible university at Minneapolis. Like Chaplain Feller of Roseburg VA hospital he had the call to the ministry after a war disability.

Mr. Camp is known throughout the nation for his work in a memorial service for the war dead.

An Astorian has finally arrived on the scene. William Poultu is here. He is one of those American-born Finlanders who is hardly able to speak his mother tongue. In the early days Bill was a gillnetter on the Columbia. Poultu is a Greybeard of World War I and likes everything he has seen to date of Camp White and Medford.

Fishing the Rogue river from a boat Thursday evening, Paul A. Hatton, manager, and Burt Sims, engineer, each landed a salmon. Hatton connected with a "jack" and the Chinook boated by Sims dressed out at 18 pounds. In addition both men took a limit of trout on flies.

The "Bamboo" club will be the guests of the Red Cross and the United Spanish War Veterans auxiliary Tuesday afternoon at the Stanley branch beyond Eagle Point. Transportation and drivers will be furnished by the Medford chapter of the Red Cross.

Fifty members will be taken on a picnic to Tou Velle park Sunday afternoon by a group of people from Fall River, Cal., headed by Tei Lei Ming, who before her marriage was in radio and movies, plus USO shows during the war years. Miss Ming, an American born Chinese, is very popular at Camp White and has appeared here before in concert. The picnic is the result of her promise to the boys last winter when she brought a show to Recreation hall.

Alice Prall, district field supervisor of the Red Cross, San Francisco, visited at the station with Miss Charlotte Rogers for three days last week in her official capacity. From here Miss Prall was to go to Roseburg, Portland and Barnes VA hospitals. She is amazed with the improvements made at Camp White since her last visit six months ago.

Recent visitors of the Allan Henderson home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trumbull and their children from Forest Grove. Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly have re-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

John Foster Dulles, addressing the American Chamber of Commerce in Tokyo makes this flat statement:

"THE 'CAPTIVE WORLD' OF COMMUNISM IS TOO WEAK NOW TO SEEK WAR WITH THE FREE WORLD."

SUPPORTING his statement, he cited these basic weaknesses of the communist world:

1. It is weak politically because it is ruled from the top and has no broad popular support.
2. It is shot through with distrust and suspicion. NO ONE in the communist world, even in high authority, feels safe.
3. It is weak economically, even after 30 years of "five-year plans." The U. S. has a 5-to-1 advantage in steel production, 5-to-1 in aluminum, 6-to-1 in electric power, 8-to-1 in crude oil.

DULLES added: "The gap indicated by these figures IS STEADILY GROWING IN FAVOR OF THE UNITED STATES."

IS all this "cold war" stuff we're being bombarded with bunk? No-o-o-o.

Dulles puts it this way: "The immediate danger to free countries is that they may be taken over from within by SMALL, DISCIPLINED COMMUNIST MINORITIES."

(I assume that on that point he must be speaking of countries other than the United States. Smaller, less stable countries, I mean. I simply can't believe that AS OF NOW the United States of America could be taken over from within by a "small, disciplined communist minority.")

DULLES went on: "Any struggle that openly pits the full might of the free world against that of the captive (communist) world could have but one outcome. That would be the TOTAL DEMOLITION of the artificial, rigid and relatively weak structure that Soviet communism has built. That is why most well-informed people do not now expect war. The situation is basically too one-sided."

IF what Dulles says in Tokyo is true, WE ARE IN NO PRESENT DANGER OF ATTACK BY RUSSIA. If Dulles knows these things, Russia must know them. It seems improbable that Russia would deliberately provoke a war SHE KNOWS SHE WOULD LOSE.

If what Dulles (who fills the odd position of a republican adviser to the democratic administration's state department) says is true, the free world has TIME TO WORK OUT ITS PROBLEMS.

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of whirling dervishes, we ought to be following the advice of a distinguished American of another day and speaking softly while we carry a big stick.

BUT how do we know what what Dulles says is true? "Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was SOMEBODY WE REALLY BELIEVE in these days?"

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