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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 27, 1940

(It Was Thursday)

Dewey leads, Taft second,  
Willkie third on first ballot at  
Republican national convention.Tree Mining company starts  
operations in Upper Applegate  
district.Jim Rego allows two hits for  
Craters and Alan Wray singles  
in winning run as local club  
downs Grants Pass 3 to 2.New warehouse, water system  
and gasoline station planned at  
Union Creek.Clarence Buck, Big Applegate,  
breaks ankle in fall.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 27, 1930

(It Was Friday)

Gus Samuels to assume city  
treasurership on Tuesday.Ashland to hold pioneer celebra-  
tion in conjunction with  
Fourth of July celebration this  
year.Forests of area to be closed to  
smokers on July 1.Premier Mussolini orders It-  
aly to be taxed for bigger army  
and navy.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

June 27, 1916

(It Was Wednesday)

County fair to be held Sep-  
tember 13 through 16, with  
M. A. Lowe in charge of secur-  
ing exhibits.Ashland attempt to oust Bert  
R. Greer, chairman of springs  
water commission, fails at elec-  
tion.C. T. Noe, O. A. C. Crowe,  
H. D. Ellis, C. D. Womman and  
William Schultz hike to Lost  
lake for fishing.

Five O and C Tracts

Sold by Sealed Bid

Five tracts of O and C land in  
the Medford district, three of  
them in Jackson county, were  
sold to logging firms through  
sealed bids at the Portland of-  
fice of the bureau of land  
management, District Forester  
E. K. Peterson reported today.The tracts, totaling about  
11½ million board feet, were  
sold for a total of \$158,000,  
somewhat higher than the  
\$120,000 appraisal, Robert  
Chamberlain, Medco and Kogap  
were the high bidders on the  
Jackson county tracts.On of the six tracts offered  
was unsold, Peterson said, and  
he explained that bids on this  
tract may still be made for 30  
more days. It is in the Cougar  
creek drainage of the Big Ap-  
legate river area, and contains  
some 6,100,000 board feet, ap-  
praised at \$95,000. Bid in-  
quiries should be made at his  
office, Peterson said.

CONSCIENCE AWAKENS

New York (UPI)—A conscience-  
stricken former streetcar con-  
ductor, who worked in Yonkers  
between 1902 and 1904, gave  
the Third Ave. Transit system  
\$500. He said he was guilty of  
"nickelizing" while working for  
the car line and now that he was  
prosperous wanted to ease his  
conscience.

## The Road To Security

President C. E. Wilson of the General Motors Corporation speaking before the National Press Club in Washington recently listed some of the things his concern is doing for the welfare of its employees. The overall objective of the program is to promote the workers' feeling of security, for, as Wilson pointed out, insecurity worries people and when they worry they are not able to give their best for their own interest or the interest of their employers or their country.

THE INDUSTRIAL leader enunciated a simple truth and it is too bad that his company's policy is not followed more generally throughout the nation. Of course, all the people cannot get jobs with G.M., but whether they work under similar benign conditions or not, there is a sure way by which a majority can achieve at least a measure of personal and family security and independence. That way is through the systematic accumulation of a safe backlog of savings.

AS GOVERNOR DOUGLAS MCKAY points out in a proclamation published in another column today: "The thrift of the individual builds the thrift of the community, the state and the nation, through building the personal and family security upon which the nation's economic strength is based."

The Governor calls upon Oregonians to devote the period from June 27 to July 4 to the state's First Annual Community Thrift Campaign, "a time of personal rededication to the cause of thrift and security in their daily lives by resolving to save regularly in a savings account, protect themselves and their families with life insurance, or buy U. S. Savings Bonds regularly."

THE community thrift campaign, which in addition to Governor McKay has the backing of banks, savings and loan associations, life insurance agencies and the Oregon office of the Savings Bonds Division of the U. S. Treasury, has a solid foundation on which to build as the following figures show:

During the past 10 years Oregonians increased their bank savings deposits from \$133,072,000 on December 31, 1940, to \$390,121,000 as of June 30, 1949. During the same period deposits in savings and loan associations jumped from \$23,799,176, to \$92,456,470; postal savings, in Portland only, from \$8,378,455, to \$18,587,542, and life insurance, not including fraternal or annuity policies, from \$756,087,530 to \$1,607,111,981. In addition there was a matter of \$500,000,000 in U. S. Savings Bonds A-G owned by Oregonians on June 30, 1949 and a large sum in "E" bonds, although the exact latter total is not available.

IMPORTANCE of building a reserve through personal thrift has been graphically illustrated many times in this state since V-J Day by a comparison of cash-ins on war bonds and unemployment figures. Throughout the area the story has been the same—as unemployment has risen those who have been thrifty have been able to maintain their living standards by using their bonds. On the other hand, as employment has increased, bond buying has resumed.

Conditions are now favorable for maximum savings and those who are wise will take advantage of the opportunity. E.C.F.

## Three Strikes and Out

Oregon records show that during the fiscal year which ended July 1, 1949, a total of 3,672 drivers' licenses were revoked upon conviction of driving while intoxicated. That was an average of 300 per month.

Each of these drivers might be classified as a potential slayer, for anything can happen when a drunk man takes the wheel and goes careening down a highway.

IN AN effort to discourage drunk driving, and aiming particularly at habitual violators, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry will propose to the next legislature that more stringent penalties be fixed. Under the planned amendment, the first conviction would draw a 30-day license suspension, the second a 90-day suspension, and permanent disbarment would automatically follow a third conviction.

MAIN reason for favoring the all-time revocation for those guilty of a third offense is that under the present law judges are subjected to so much pressure on the part of the person whose license has been revoked and often-times friends and business or other associates also intercede in his behalf.

The law now provides for revocation following conviction but permits the person involved to reapply for a driver's license at any time after the conviction, provided his application carries a recommendation from the convicting magistrate.

THE secretary should go a step farther and seek penalties for those who try to pressure judges and justices into lightening penalties for driving while intoxicated. E.C.F.

Festival of Lillies  
Slated at Brookings

Brookings, June 26 — The world's only lily blossom festival will be held here July 2, 3 and 4 with the Azalea Garden club staging a flower show all three days.

Non-garden club members may submit entries in the show which is governed by National Garden club rules making it eligible for the purple ribbon award. The show is confined to outdoor grown entries, which

will be received from southern Oregon and northern California. Other features will be a parade, art show and period for photographers.

Executive of the National Council of Garden Clubs considered last year's lily festival a highlight of their tour of the country.

## Crosstown

By Roland Coe



## A Nichols' Worth of—

## Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

United Press Feature Writer

Washington, June 27—(UPI)—You can't keep an army going on a bowl of rice.



Harman Nichols

That's what Col. Robert Brooks Ennis, believes, and he spent four months behind the "bamboo curtain," the area taken over by the reds in China.

The colonel, now retired, thinks that we lost the chilly war in China because we didn't get up enough American dollars. A little more later about the situation in China; right now, something about the colonel.

Ennis claims San Antonio, Tex., as his home town. He went into the army in 1917 and remained in the service until 1945.

When World War II came along it wasn't long before he was heading up a group of men in America. He ran about a slug at Oran and spent a year and a half under hospital sheets and then was shipped off to Kunming, China.

In 1948, after retirement, he latched onto UNRRA, in China. That's how he learned about China and how the Chinese people live.

Not Very Pleasant  
"I was in Shanghai when the commies took over," he said. "It wasn't very pleasant. Since then I have been dedicating myself—at my own expense—to plead the cause of China. And to prove to the American people how important it is to save that country, and this one, from the reds. We have something at stake, too."

Ennis said he wanted to make it clear that ordinary Chinese—coolies, mostly—never have lived very well.

"But I observed them before the Russians took over, and after," he said. "They're much worse now."

Let's keep on quoting the colonel, who was there and saw it: Rice on Friday

Before the Chinese communists pulled their bloodless victory over Shanghai, a Chinese merchant could go his way. Okay, maybe he lived a little better than the beggar on the street, but at worst he had rice and a bowl of noodles on Friday.

Today, if he displays any evidence that he has more than is necessary for skinny existence he is required to buy red government bonds—or donate anything over essential "take-home" to the "party."

"Being a communist in China," said the colonel, "is like

being a horse. You have a stable and a bale of hay, and you're cooped in. No freedom. They separate families to create unhappiness and confusion. The little woman is left to shift for herself and take care of the kids besides. The communists in China have less interest in the common man than any group I have ever seen—and I have been around the globe several times."

High Wheel  
When the colonel was allowed to remain behind the bamboo curtain he was under diplomatic immunity, so to speak. He was a high wheel in the American government.

"But that didn't amount to much," he said. "Once I wrote a letter of protest to the communist authorities about the deplorable situation. I pulled out the stops about the confiscation of gasoline, trucks, ships and everything else that was against the agreements already signed. And what happened? I got the letter back in a matter of minutes."

"Torn to little pieces and sealed in a new envelope."

## Rogue River

Rogue River, June 27—G. C. Wohgen of Rogue River Junction has been appointed zone chairman of the Lions club in this district comprising Cave Junction, Grants Pass, Rogue River, Gold Hill, Jacksonville and Prospect clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Culbertson and family of San Bernardino, Cal., were recent guests of his uncle, James Wiley, and family, at the Wiley-Carter ranch on East Evans creek.

Lee F. Jacobs of Grants Pass has announced he is leaving Bradens to establish a business and will open the Cave City Parts and Supply company at Cave Junction.

Mrs. Henry Gilbert and daughter, Mrs. Rex Nichols of Aberdeen, Ida., returned home Friday after several weeks' visit here with her brother and family, the Carl Christensons.

Ernest Lewis of Los Angeles, an old friend and fellow craftsman of Paul Hughes, was a guest at the Hughes home here two days of last week.

West Evans creek neighbors and friends attended a farewell party for the R. C. Miller, given at the Al Ebeling ranch Saturday evening, June 17. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tison assisted the Ebelings as co-hosts. The Millers recently sold their ranch and plan to visit in Burbank, Cal., before purchasing another home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Stocking, who recently sold their home on highway 99, have, for the past two weeks, parked their luxurious house trailer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fuhrman. The Fuhrmans are visiting

Ex-Local Pilot Now  
Spraying Poison  
On Spruce Budworms

Spraying for spruce budworms in Oregon forests isn't all its cracked up to be, according to Farrel Snider, former Medford pilot who is now engaged in spraying some 90,000 acres of highly infested timber.

Snider, who with Cliff Patton of Patton Air Service, Harrisburg, recently finished spraying 30,000 acres of budworm-infested fir and spruce in Lane and Douglas counties, said fly-

ing in "Operation Budworm" has something of the fate and finality of walking on thin ice.

## In Four Operations

The former Medford pilot, who was an instructor and CAA examiner here prior to taking up budworm spraying, is probably the top-ranking pilot in the battle that began last year. Snider has flown in four budworm operations and is destined for several more this year.

"When you're in the middle of many acres of timber, flying at less than 100 feet and your engine goes out, all you can try to do is hit the trees at the right speed," he said.

He explained that a crash landing in dense timber is tricky, if not disastrous: "You try to hit fast enough so that you don't stall and flutter down and slow enough to keep from getting gilled by the initial impact—about 70 m.p.h."

Hot mushy air, flat turns at tree-top level and heavy loads in small planes—which all go with the business—combine to keep a pilot on his toes, Snider

said. The worm is out only about two weeks a year and spraying has to be done when the temperature is under 70 degrees and the wind six miles an hour or less. As a result, Snider says, you fly without a minute off when things are right.

## In Plane Constantly

It takes less than 10 minutes to unload a tank of poison on the bugs and only three minutes to refuel—not even time to get out of the plane, Snider pointed out.

Snider and Patton recently completed spraying 4,500 acres southeast of Springfield and 25,800 acres near Roseburg.

Snider explained that small metal plates are tied to infested trees about to sprayed, usually in a straight line through the tract, about six or so to the mile. After spraying, foresters go through and examine the surface for the concentration of DDT and diesel oil. So many drops to the square inch and the pilots have fulfilled their contract. "You never know where the plates are," Snider said, "so you do a good job."

Budworms were first seen in Oregon in numbers in 1947. Left alone, the prolific bug can kill a forest in three years. Some estimate the spraying program will continue for as much as 15 years, concentrating on the worst areas each season.

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