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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History
from the files of the Mail
Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years
ago.

10 YEARS AGO

(There was no Leap Year's
day in 1942.)

20 YEARS AGO

February 29, 1932
(It was Monday)

Representatives of Japanese
and Chinese governments ac-
cept League of Nations proposal
for armistice of Sino-Japanese
war and peace conference among
principal nations.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: The spring
run-off of snow and candidates is
now underway. The snow
runs off into the river but the
luck of the public ends there.

30 YEARS AGO

(There was no Leap Year's
day in 1922.)

40 YEARS AGO

February 29, 1912

Mexican General Pascual
Orozco severs relations with
President Francisco Madero to
join rebel forces; expected to
take command of rebels attack-
ing federal troops in northern
Mexico.

Strike of over one million
British coal miners idles five
million industrial and railroad
employees.

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What
Goes on at the Capital. Furnished
by Congressional Quarterly News
Features.

Q—What do politicians mean
by a "favorite son" Presidential
candidate?

A—A favorite son has the sup-
port of all or most of his state's
delegation to his party's Presi-
dential nominating convention.
He actually may have a chance
of winning the nomination, or
he may be a "stalking horse" to
tie up votes until his delegation
decides where it wants to swing
its strength in the showdown.

Q—Who are the favorite son
Presidential candidates at present?

A—As of mid-February, candi-
dates being talked up, with or
without their consent, as possible
favorite sons were: Democratic—
Sens. Humphrey, (Minn.); Kerr,
(Okla.); McMahon, (Conn.); Rus-
sell, (Ga.); ex-Sen. Bull-
(Ohio); Gov. Stevenson, (Ill.);
Vice-President Barkley, (Ky.);
and House Speaker Rayburn,
(Tex.). Republicans—Sens. Dir-
ksen, (Ill.); Bridges, (N.H.); Fer-
guson, (Mich.); Govs. Warren,
(Calif.) and Driscoll, (N.J.); Gen.
MacArthur, (Wis.), and Gen.
Wedemeyer, (Neb.).

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present taxes paid by the rail-
roads and no increases in taxes

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Feb. 27 — Bright sunny days bring out the
pantries and the pan-handlers in Union Square. Among the latter
we ran into an investment-adviser. He wore a tattered overcoat
several sizes too large for him, and a week's beard, but he also
had a stock market manual with quotations running back ten
years, and a great fund of interesting information, for example:

"Do you know what I bought International T&T in 1933 at?
One-eighth. Yes, Sir, 1/8—bought 8,000 shares for \$1,000, sold out
at 18,—cleaned up \$143,000. It's easy if you know how!"
Have heard no wiser saying since we arrived—"If you know
HOW!" "Better watch out," we warned, "or you will get the Holey
committee after you."

On the same bench was an expert dietician. His hobby was
poisons—it seems meats are poison, so are cheeses, crabs and all
canned goods. He is a follower of Bernarr McFadden AND Dr.
Brady. Like the former, he lives on fruits-and-nuts, and like the
latter, turns somersaults every morning, the combination accounts,
he says, for his marvelous physical condition. He was in his 60's,
we would judge, and did look extremely fit, clear eyes and a deep
tan. Explained the latter by the fact he lives far out on Geary and
takes a dip in the surf early, EVERY morning. We have a hunch
if he ate nothing but meat and canned goods, but continued that
rugged regimen he would enjoy the same good health.

As usual the "Stage Door" on Mason has a prize movie. The
current offering is called "Rashomon," a Japanese opus which
won the 1951 Venice, Italy, Film award, as well as the "Best foreign
film" and the "Best directed film of 1951," by the National
Board of Review.

OK, these authorities SHOULD know.
But we hope no one will ask us to see it AGAIN. In fact seeing
it once to your correspondent was close to being too much, though
we got through it without any audible outbursts of disapproval.

We admit it was refreshing to see a prize-movie, without any
patent-leather-hair and protruding-bicep hero, nor any heroine with
a low contralto voice, a lower neck-line and a shady past. But
this offering going back in Japan's history nearly 1,000 years was,
to this department, in spite of good photography and tremendous
physical energy, simply a painful bore.

The Jap males were not so bad, particularly the priest, but the
heroine, Michiko Kyo, struck us as being the most tiresome and
absurd type of alleged "femme fatale," it has ever been our mis-
fortune to see—and hear. "Rashomon" is one these cinematic
demonstrations of crude, primitive, untamed passions, in which
"Kyo" had to suffer the well known "fate that is worse than
death" in various degrees close to half a dozen times. Through it
all she showed as much real emotion—facially at least—as an
unpainted soup-plate. Her wailing and weeping, her writhing,
seething and sobbing meanwhile literally tore the sound-track to
tatters—and at least one member of the audience also.

Through it all she could have just as well worn one of those
expressionless Chinese masks—much better far as attractive-
ness is concerned—but she (and her director) insisted upon plac-
ing her impassive physiognomy into close-up after close-up—which
contributed about as much to the reality and impressiveness of
the tragedy, as a few blackboard signs with chalk marks thereon,
would have done!

Oh well, it all adds up to the fact we didn't LIKE the gal-
nor the play—and can't figure out why the experts liked it. But
the latter did, the show has been a financial success both here and
abroad, so the truth probably is there must be something of techni-
cal and artistic value in the offering which went over the too high
forehead of your correspondent.

The following evening for an antidote, went up to the "Larkin"
to see one of our favorite British actors, Michael Redgrave in the
"Browning Version." WHAT a contrast and what a DELIGHT!
Ronald Howard, son of the late and greatly missed Leslie
Howard, was one of the supporting cast—and WHAT a cast! With
the exception of the "feminine menace," who over-acted a bit—or
perhaps the part was over-written—each and everyone—SIMPLY
PERFECT. And the entire performance one of those smooth re-
strained, and because of the restraint so much more effective than
most American movies of a similar type, which have to spell every-
thing out and then slap it in front of your face for fear some
moron in the audience might miss it. Again one of the painfully
few movies we would be glad to see again—and perhaps will.

As stated, the nice weather is bringing out the beggars, blind-
lame and otherwise. (We wonder why they never come out in the
rain—their appeal might even be greater, but we can't recall ever
having seen one.) One of the younger pan-handlers sidled up to
us last night at the corner of Powell and O'Farrell, asking for a
dime for "just a cup o' coffee." The young, able-bodied ones al-
ways irk this department and for once we had a quietus.

"Do you really want a cup of coffee?" we asked.
"Sure do," was the answer.
"Then go down to Wilkes new cafeteria on Market and Grant
and get yourself one for free." We had happened to have noticed
the gala opening sign a few hours before, and the place was packed
—hot coffee for all, gratis.

Glad we have no hat-company stock. More and more the
younger generation—and many of the older—go hatless, espe-
cially when the weather is decent. It establishes what might be
called a beneficent circle—the less you wear a hat the more hair
you have, and the more hair you have the less you wear a hat.
We would advise Knox-Stetson-Bond et al to edge into some other
line, if it isn't too late.

Now and then we run into an "ad" that deserves a place in
our sadly-missed "Smudge Pot," conducted for so many years by
the late and greatly missed Art Perry. For example, in today's
Examiner—we seldom read Hearst—we note the following: "Smir-
noff, the greatest name in vodka — so smooth it takes your
BREATH away!"

We only tackled vodka once — that was enough. Incidentally
they say that in spite of the universal hatred of Russia, a vodka
concoction called "Volga-on-the-rocks" is the most popular drink
at the Stork club in New York. Well they can have it.

The sports writers are getting up their winning-lists in the
Big Leagues for the '52 season. If a majority of these experts have
ever been right, we can't recall the year. In fact, if we owned a
ball club we would not care to be picked for the No. 1 spot—it's
a sure-fire "Hex".

The circulation department of The Mail Tribune is usually
the best of all, 100% perfect, but something serious must have
happened to Jerry on this trip. Five days have passed and still not a
paper—so no one in the Medford contingent down here knows
WHAT to do—no chance to keep in touch with "Little Daisy" or
know whether they are playing golf, or water-polo out on General
Jackson's sub-division. "Without the M. T.—o-o—it's all snafu!"
—R.W.R.

SPEEDING THEN, TOO

Boston — (U.P.) — Arrests for
"speeding" — in sleighs — were
common here during the winter
of 1852, city records show.

would be necessary." The measure
was referred to the Senate
Labor and Public Welfare Com-
mittee.

Q—Does the President want
any changes in the Defense Pro-
duction Act when it comes up
for extension?

A—President Truman Febru-
ary 11 renewed his past requests
for stronger controls to extin-
guish possible "new inflationary
fires." He called for the repeal
of three amendments added to
last year's act. The amendments
include cost increases in price
ceilings, guarantee pre-Korean
percentage markups, and ban
slaughtering quotas. He also
asked for an increase of \$900
million in federal lending au-
thority to increase defense out-
put. The present act expires
June 30.

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Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"She named only 33 items out of the 67 in the purse.
Is that sufficient identification?"

Red Propaganda Gets
Test at Panmunjom

By PHIL NEWSOM
U. P. Foreign News Editor

According to Communist
propaganda, it would be incon-
ceivable that a man once ac-
quainted with the joys of liv-
ing under a Communist
state ever would choose
anything else.

The idea is
getting a se-
vere test at
Panmunjom.

There United
Nations and
Communist
truce negotiators are deadlocked
on the question of voluntary
repatriation of war prisoners.

The Communists are so re-
luctant to put their propaganda
claims to a practical test that
there is some danger the peace
talks will break down entirely.

The Communist stand is both
discouraging and cynical.

The Allies hold something
over 132,000 war prisoners. The
Communists admit to holding
about 11,000 prisoners, includ-
ing 3,100 Americans.

Right of Choice Insisted
It is the American negotia-
tors who are insisting that freed
war prisoners shall have the
right to determine where they
will go after release. The Amer-
icans have added they never
will back down from that stand.

The Communists have com-
plained it is an entirely new
concept of international law.

The answer has been that
freedom of speech also once was
a new idea.

Indoctrination Possible
It would appear either that
the Communists do not believe
their own claims or that a large
percentage of their people still
require considerable "indoctrina-
tion."

The cynical nature of the Com-
munist stand appears both in
the light of their conduct during
the Korean War and in the Rus-
sian treatment of war prisoners
after World War II.

In Korea, it is believed the
Reds hold approximately 100-
000 South Koreans who never
have been accounted for. Some
undoubtedly have been drafted
forcibly into the Communist
army. Others probably are at
work as slave laborers, helping
in the hazardous job of supply-
ing the Red army. Others are
dead.

Yet the Reds never have men-
tioned them, nor admitted their
existence at Panmunjom.

Parallel in History
There is a parallel in the his-
tory of prisoners held by the
Soviets after World War II.

On May 4, 1950, the Soviet
Union announced it had repa-
triated 1,939,163 German war
prisoners and only 9,717 crim-
inals and 14 hospital patients
were left. West German Chan-
cellor Konrad Adenauer imme-
diately rejoined that the Rus-
sians had admitted holding
3,500,000 Germans at the end of
the war and still had not ac-
counted for 1,500,000.

In July of 1951 a UN com-
mission on prisoners of war
opened an inquiry into the fate
of 2,500,000 servicemen and ci-
vilians who disappeared in the
Soviet Union at the end of World
War II. The Russians ignored
the investigation, as they did

another such UN investigation
just a couple of months ago.
Clue to Fate
A clue to their fate might
appear in a Shanghai dispatch
of Dec. 17, 1946.

The dispatch quoted a story
in the Russian paper, "Irkutsk
Pravda" Truth. The Russian
story said:

"Nazi and Japanese dreams of
meeting in Central Asia are be-
ing realized as Japanese and
German prisoners of war in Si-
beria work on railway and high-
way construction."

It said about 2,000,000 pris-
oners from the western axis pow-
ers and about 800,000 Japanese
were involved in the work.

Commissions in WAC
Available to Women

Portland—The Department of
the Army has authorized issue
of commissions as Regular
Army second lieutenants to
qualified women college seniors
and graduates between the ages
of 21 and 27, it was announced
today.

The deadline for presenting
applications for these commis-
sions is March 13, according to
Capt. Maryon E. Toole, Women's
Army Corps procurement
officer here. Assistance in mak-
ing application can be obtained
at Room 108, U. S. Courthouse,
Broadway and Main street, Port-
land, or at Army and Air Force
recruiting stations.

Klamath Falls—(U.P.)—Lorenzo
Weeks, 35, Beatty, was held
Thursday on a charge of second
degree murder in connection with
the fatal stabbing of an itiner-
ant Mexican.

ably would fade if the Republi-
cans named Eisenhower. But if
some other Republican is named
and Mr. Truman is renominated,
look for a sturdy third party,
anti-Truman movement in the
South, probably led by Russell.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From London:

The funeral of King George
VI cost \$58,000—\$182,400. . .
The government presented the
bill to Parliament today, ask-
ing it to vote the necessary
money. . .

The total cost (of the funeral)
includes \$8,000 (\$22,400) for en-
tertaining royal and overseas
guests, hiring cars and railway
expenses. . .

Biggest item of all (in the cost
of the funeral) was a bill from
the armed forces for \$35,750
(\$100,010) for the troops who
took part in the ceremonies.
The bill doesn't include their
pay—only the special costs re-
sulting from the use of the
troops in the ceremonies accom-
panying the funeral, transporta-
tion, food and such.

THE solemn ceremonies are
over. The king has been laid
to his rest. There remains only
the detail of PAYING THE
BILLS FOR THE FUNERAL.

After all, you see, the great
ones of this earth and the small
ones of this earth have much in
common.

THIS, I'd say, would be a good
time for Englishmen and
Britishers generally to re-read
Kipling's Recessional—especial-
ly the second stanza of it, which
goes:

"The tumult and the shouting
dies,
The Captains and the Kings de-
part;
Still stands thine ancient sac-
rifice,
An humble and a contrite heart."

IT WAS his "humble and con-
trite heart" that endeared
George VI to his people. He
wasn't a great warrior. He cer-
tainly wasn't a great conqueror.

Instead of adding to the British
empire, he ruled during the pe-
riod when the British empire,
which had been built up by war-
riors and conquerors, was rap-
idly melting away. But his peo-
ple said of him: "He was a
GOOD man." They wept as they
said it.

Maybe this universal respect
for a GOOD man will hold the
British together during the dif-
ficult years that lie ahead and
will help to preserve the great-
ness of their nation, which now
certainly seems endangered.

YOU know, OUR position isn't
as impenetrably sound as it
once was. We have world-wide
commitments which, if they all
came due AT ONCE, could
strain even our great resources.

Our economy has been weak-
ened by reckless fiscal leader-
ship, which has run us heavily
into debt in the years when we
should have been getting out of
debt. We need GREAT leader-
ship—perhaps as much as we
have ever needed it at any time
in our career.

At this moment, let's not for-
get that it isn't just a superman
that we need. We need a GOOD
man to lead us, and we need
GOOD men to back him up.

The time is returning to the
world when GOODNESS means
something. MORE POWER is no
longer everything.

Remember Old Engine
To the Editor: In Tuesday ev-
ening's edition of the Medford
Mail Tribune I read the article
about the little wood-burning
engine.

The train was purchased by
Bill Barnham, who sent back
east for it. He operated the
passenger line from Medford to
Jacksonville with the help of
his two sons.

Later, about the time of World
War I, S. S. Bullis bought it for
a switch engine. It was at that
time I operated it, hauling logs
from Owen, Ore. (now Medco)
on the Southern Pacific line,
switching on to the old line by
Crater Lake Motors, to go
toward Jacksonville to the Bul-
lis Lumber mill.

I did my own firing and to
this day carry a scar under my
right eye where I cut it on the
corner of the cab.

Was certainly surprised to
read about it, presuming it dis-
mantled long ago.

I believe it would be fun just
to run it once more.

Walter Floyd Charley,
P. O. Box 604,
Central Point, Ore.

Use Mail Tribune West Ad.

Babson...Businessmen

By Roger W. Babson
Babson Park, Fla. (Special to
Mail Tribune) A few years ago,
the Pacific Northwest was suf-
fering a most difficult read-
justment. Un-
precedented wartime ex-
pansion seemed likely to end in
complete collapse. Unem-
ployment had reached serious
proportions.

Active shipyards, giant aircraft
factories and war fabricating
plants shut down.

In these weekly articles I sel-
dom single out any one section
for specific mention. Our Amer-
ican economy is interrelated to
so great an extent, that every
section is largely dependent on
other sections. However, I think
that there is a lesson for all sec-
tions to learn based upon the re-
cent statistics and experiences
of the Pacific Northwest.

Prior to 1940, the region was
almost entirely dependent for its
prosperity on selling its raw ma-
terials. Its products were mostly
shipped eastward in a raw state
for processing and distribution to
more profitable mass markets.

Here was an important lumber
district, but all its lumber was
shipped East in the raw state.
Rich northwest farm lands sup-
plied a large part of America's
fruit and grain, but often at a
loss. Copper, zinc, lead, silver,
gold and antimony were scooped
from its mines and shipped else-
where for refining and fabricat-
ing. Fishing, especially for
salmon, was big business. But,
manufacturing industries were
badly needed for lasting strength.

War Needs Expansion
Stimulated Industries
Expansion for war needs stimu-
lated manufacturing industries
temporarily. Aircraft factories
mushroomed overnight. A full-
blown aluminum industry sprang
up, and there was a new pluton-
ium plant at Hanford. Ferroalloy
and other electro-process war in-
dustries were started. Huge
power requirements pushed
ahead hydro-utility construction.
Population growth kept pace
with industrial expansion. People
rushed in from adjoining sec-
tions to get employment. There
could have been a very bad
slump when the war ended.

There were no established
peacetime products or markets
to which the industries and
workers could return. However,
instead of a slump, the area has
forged ahead to new heights,
due to the enterprise and cour-
age of its business leaders. Labor
day is even scarce in some
lines and net migration into the
area has continued high.

Raw Materials Now
Becoming Finished Goods
Aided by extensive research
and these few business men,
their raw materials are now go-
ing into finished goods. Prewar,
no aluminum was produced in
the Pacific Northwest; today
nearly half of all our aluminum
comes from this area. Food pro-
cessing has been emphasized to
take advantage of the area's
growing output of agricultural
products. Its hustling busi-
nessmen are making it the center
of the new frozen foods industry.
They are starting new flour
mills, new canning plants, and
other industries to employ nearly
twice as many workers as in pre-
war 1939. This proves again that
every community depends upon
the ability and courage of about
5 per cent of its people.

Furniture production has be-
come a big industry utilizing the
region's lumber resources. Paper
and pulp industries have ex-
panded 50 per cent since 1940,
while the chemical industry is
being doubled. Other industries
have been induced to move into
the region to decentralize opera-
tions, and be closer to raw ma-
terial supplies. Electric power
output, despite tremendous
growth, is being further in-
creased.

Business Financed
By Forward Citizens
New stores, laundries, filling
stations and restaurants have
been financed by forward look-
ing citizens before they were
really needed. This has all oc-
curred in an area which seemed
on the brink of a depression only
some five years ago. Don't let
any community, where this col-
umn is printed, get discouraged
under any conditions.

No one examining the situa-
tion in 1947 would have been
willing to forecast such a rate of
growth. Today, similarly, there
are other regions, as well as in-
ventions and ideas, which stand
on the threshold of most rapid
growth. Our frontiers never
really pass; the experience of
the Pacific Northwest shows that
the brightest opportunities often
lie where the prospects seem
least promising.

Carrier Princeton
Collides With Tanker

San Diego—(U.P.)—The aircraft
carrier U.S.S. Princeton collided
with the tanker Navasota during
naval maneuvers off San Diego,
but the vessels were only slightly
damaged, the Navy reported Fri-
day.

The Navy said the accident oc-
curred February 25 during re-
fueling exercises. There were no
injuries, and the Princeton, an
Essex class carrier, continued
flight operations.

The Navasota is en route to
Long Beach, Calif., for repairs,
the Navy said. The Princeton is
scheduled to sail to San Fran-
cisco for repairs at the conclusion
of the maneuvers.

NAME CARRIED ON
Agawam, Mass.—(U.P.)—Seven-
teenth century Massachusetts
residents would be surprised to
look at today's map and find
Agawam in Western Massachu-
setts. In 1633 Agawam was in
Essex county, about 100 miles
east of here. Then Agawam
changed its name to Ipswich and
the name Agawam years later
was given to the town which
still bears it.

Whole Pig Sausage made in our own kitchen! You'll be
proud to bring your friends! Bulk Sausage available to take
home.

ENTERTAINMENT WHILE YOU EAT

Complete Dinner—Adults \$1.00 -