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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

March 14, 1942

(It was Saturday)

Medford high school basketball team loses to Baker high school in game for third place in state tournament at Salem.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: New grass is coming up in the rural areas. Several predict, if things turn for the worse, they will have to help the cows eat.

20 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1922

(It was Monday)

Oregon state highway commission orders survey of possibility of regaining highway from Ashland to Siskiyou summit.

Total of \$44,000 in work donated by Medford residents under "Muncie Plan" to aid unemployed.

30 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1922

(It was Tuesday)

City of Medford orders brush cleared from site of municipal water supply to insure purity of water.

"Eddie" Durno, University of Oregon All-American basketball player, named coach of athletics at Medford high school.

40 YEARS AGO

March 14, 1912

(It was Thursday)

Ashland citizens demand lower taxes and reduced cost of living at mass meeting.

County clerk's office reports total of more than 2,500 registered voters in Jackson county.

Women Get New Minimum Wage In Retail Trade

Salem—(U.P.)—Women and experienced minors in retail trade have been granted a new high minimum wage of 70 cents an hour, the State Labor commission said Thursday.

The increase of five cents an hour, from 65 cents to 70 cents, was ordered by the State Wage and Hour commission for the mercantile industry's minimum wage since May, 1948, Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey said.

Order Sets Minimum

The order sets a minimum of 60 cents an hour for any minor having less than 400 hours retail experience except in the cases of high school and college students working out-of-school hours. A learning period of 800 hours has been established for such students, after which the 70 cents an hour minimum becomes effective.

The rulings become effective next May 6.

Income Tax Expert Failed To File Return

Denver—(U.P.)—Stanley A. Thornhill, 55, was charged Friday with failure to file an income tax return for 1948.

U. S. Attorney Charles S. Vigil filed the charge against Thornhill, charging that he earned \$3,761 in 1948 but filed no income tax return.

Thornhill is an income tax specialist.

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Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, March 13—We wish the Hollywood Academy would follow the example of the Harvard Lampoon and give awards for the worst movie actors of the year. Our choice for the winner in the male category would be Fred Astaire. He is appearing here in a musical chop-suet called "The Belle of New York." The original "Belle of New York" was one of the first musicals your correspondent ever saw (Boston, Massachusetts, 1898) but has no more relation to this concoction than a rare Chicago "porterhouse" to a Vine Street hamburger—or vice versa. Astaire should get wise to himself. He can still dance it is true but when he tries to put over the same old "play-boy" routine, with "Champagne Charley" implications, he is simply ridiculous. The authors of this terrible "turkey" were partially responsible for this bit of theatrical petty-larceny; but Astaire certainly was solely responsible for the undersigned's inability to sit through the performance.

(And when "R.W.R." walks out on ANYthing he has PAID for, it has to be pretty terrible)

In sharp contrast is a spy thriller called "Five Fingers" at the Fox theatre. James Mason is the star and has always been one of this department's favorites. This is the best work Mason has ever done, and we believe the best written and directed play he has ever been given. Moreover while there is some of the hackneyed spy routine retained, the offering as a whole, not only sustains excellent mystery and suspense in skillful fashion, but as the plot develops there are more and more refreshing and original touches, genuine surprises. Incidentally, for the first time in approximately two generations, a Russian Junker is depicted as a gentleman WITHOUT horns or a tail. His name is Baron von Papen—so please page Mr. Ripley.

Line-of-the-week—if not of the year—must be credited to Newbold Morris before the Senate committee when after the usual billboards from the unspeakable Senator McCarthy, Newbold asked somewhat plaintively:

"WHY don't you talk like a gentleman?"

He might as well ask Ringling's prize gorilla why HE doesn't

The decisive victory of General Eisenhower in New Hampshire WAS a surprise to this department and most other wise-guys. It was, however, an EXTREMELY pleasant one!

The defeat of President Truman was even a greater surprise, and not so pleasant. We hope the President will now refuse to do "what comes naturally" and resist what almost certainly will be his immediate reaction—to "fight back and show 'em, the s.o.b.'s!"

Moreover, it's a 20-to-1 shot the President would not be able to do what he did four years ago—not only upset the dope bucket but throw the contents in the face of his traducers. Mr. Truman has done his job and all in all—in this department's judgment—done it well. So we hope he will take this hint, retire gracefully and give his support to the candidate he wants to replace him. The verdict of 1952—and it would be an excellent idea for H.S.T. to run for the Senate from Missouri, where his short-comings—and he has them, particularly from the viewpoint of presidential STATURE—would be neither so noticeable nor so unfortunate as in the White House.

Senator Kefauver, naturally, is much elated, as anyone pulling such a tremendous "coup" would be. But there is no indication the strong wine of victory will go to his head. He has shown ever since the crime investigation that he has a pretty level one. He has other assets which H.S.T. always lacked—an excellent speaking voice and a good TV appearance. With this boost from New Hampshire (even though there is no chance of any Democrat carrying that state) Kefauver will be hard to beat. However, if President Truman really wants to beat him he undoubtedly can do it. H.S.T. was severely criticized for terming primaries "EYE WASH" but from the standpoint of what the Democratic convention will do, he was 99% correct. To the party professionals who control all party conventions, primaries are eye wash, particularly for a party IN power.

The first campaign posters have appeared here—a large one on Leavenworth street near Sutter probably strikes the GOP keynote.

The theme is "waste, extravagance, crime and corruption." A view of the capitol dome at Washington, D. C. is presented—a large donkey-head braying on one side, a repulsively cadaverous figure leaning out of the other side throwing away paper money.

Down below is drawn a squat sporting gent (a cross between Al Capone and E.G. Robinson) lighting a large cigar with a \$50 bill, while other repulsive male figures are dumping "waste, corruption and crime" into a battery of garbage cans. The caption is "CLEAN UP THE MESS, VOTE REPUBLICAN!"

We neglected to state there is an exhibit at the Sportsmen Show here which demonstrated how to beat the high cost of BUILDING. It is called the "Leisure House," made up of plywood and has a living room, kitchen (fully equipped) bathroom, store-room, closet, with bunks that can be made up Pullman style. It costs only \$875 C.O.D. San Francisco, and can be carted to the woods anywhere in an ordinary trailer. (Will someone please page "Goldy"?—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 initial 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 400 words.

Columnist Disputed
To the Editor: Contrary to the opinion expressed by the columnist, E. V. Durling, in the March 4 issue of the Mail Tribune, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, was not inspired to write "Science and Health" while she was a patient of Dr. Phineas Parkhurst Quimby, nor was there anything about the practice of this magnetic doctor from which Mrs. Eddy received "the idea for the aforementioned book and for Christian Science" as your contributor alleges.

Christian Science (as many of your readers already know) is founded upon the Bible, upon the teachings of Christ Jesus, the apostles and prophets. It is not human "mind-cure," nor did it originate in the practice of mesmerism or hypnotism. In Mrs. Eddy's own words, "Christian Science teaches only that which is spiritual and divine, and not human" (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 99).

Christian Science is the rediscovery of primitive Christianity, through which the lost element of scientific mental healing has again been made available to mankind.

Norman Dexter Scovill, Christian Science Committee on Publication for the State of Oregon, Portland, Ore.

Anti-Vivisection
To the Editor: Mercy Crusade is a new organization of volunteers engaged in the fight against vivisection. It was incorporated in July, 1949, in California. Its organization is by means of groups, or circles as they are called, of active members, meeting regularly and supported by a larger membership of less active workers.

Goal of Mercy Crusade is the abolition of vivisection. To this

end one or more circles are to be organized in every community and in every area of every city, in recognition that against such effective organization and resulting public enlightenment vivisection cannot maintain itself and will be defeated.

The policy of Mercy Crusade is one of sincere friendship and working cooperation with all anti-vivisection and humane societies. Our aim is national unity.

Marilyn Joy Gast, R. R. No. 2, Box 696, Central Point, Ore.

New Fir, Hemlock Price Ceiling Set

Portland—(U.P.)—New price ceilings ordered by the Office of Price Stabilization on Douglas fir and West Coast hemlock lumber will force slight rollbacks on some classes and allow price increases on most standard brands, Portland lumbermen said Friday.

The increases were expected to run from \$3 to \$12 a thousand board feet on most standard grades.

The ceilings, which go into effect next Tuesday, cover the lumber produced in Western Oregon and Washington and Northern California. Carl C. Donagh, district OPS director, said the ceiling regulation conforms to the Capehart amendment requiring price curbs to be fixed not lower than the current price during the period from January 25 to February 24, 1951.

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Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"It's NOT a kite. It's a guided missile!"

Soviet Proposal for German Peace Treaty Baffling to Russians

By PHIL NEWSOM

U. P. Foreign News Editor

If he heard about it at all, Ivan the Russian must have been considerably puzzled by Mos-

cow's proposal for a German peace treaty.

Imagine his surprise and puzzle when he read: "Democratic rights must be secured . . . so that all persons . . . irrespective of race, sex, language or religion should enjoy the rights of man and the fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of speech, religion, political convictions and assembly."

This also must have confused him:

"The state makes most of Ivan's decisions for him and his worries up to now have been comparatively simple. He may have entered this world without state permission, and, if he's lucky, he may leave it the same way. If he's unlucky, the state will make that decision for him, too."

No Election Worries

So far as politics is concerned, he has never had to depend upon a public opinion poll or upon the newspapers and the radio

to tell him about the outcome of an election.

In Russia there is but one legal political party—the Communist.

There is only one election slate, so he knows the outcome of the election in advance.

So far as political convictions are concerned, the state's political commissar takes care of those things for him. If, by any chance, Ivan should entertain a stray idea of his own or should there even be a suspicion that he had, the thought police will handle that.

If Ivan is 35 years old or under, he probably knows nothing about religion except the atheism advocated by the state.

The only newspapers he sees or radio stations he hears either are state or party owned.

To own a radio receiver capable of picking up other stations throughout the world is to invite the death penalty.

Ivan knows better than to congregate with two or more of his fellows for a street corner discussion. The police will want to know about that, too, and it won't make much difference if Ivan is guilty or innocent.

Russia's proposed German peace treaty is both a mockery of the use of words and proof that the Russian leaders are convinced that Ivan has accepted their own peculiar definition of "freedom."

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A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

BY HARMAN W. NICHOLS

United Press Feature Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. F. Edward Hebert has been spanking the defense department of late for hiring what he considers too many publicity men.

As chairman of a House subcommittee investigating military waste, he feels the defense department is overdoing the publicity.

But don't think the Louisiana Democrat has anything against press agents. He used to be one himself, back in the days when he also was a newspaperman.

He used to work for the New Orleans States, rising to city editor, and for the New Orleans Times-Picayune. He was a press agent on the side.

Among his press agency accounts was the Howard Miller-Leona Powers stock company. Another was the Pontchartrain Beach, for which he promoted beauty contests.

Publicized Lamour
One of the beauties was a girl named Dorothy Lamour. She later changed her name to Dorothy Lamour, shimmied into a sarong, and became famous.

From the same ranks came Dorothy Dell Goff. She went to Atlantic City, won the Miss America title, and became a hit in the Ziegfeld Follies.

From the same line of lovelies came a "Miss New Orleans" named Mary Healy. She now is Mrs. Peter Lind Hayes and is a TV star.

When "cash and carry" Pyle started Harold E. "Red" Grange on his nationwide tour after the "Galloping Ghost" of the gridiron had gained fame at the University of Illinois, the press agent was Hebert.

Plugged Jack Dempsey
Mostly Hebert's work was concerned with New Orleans. The congressman plugged Jack Dempsey, Sammy Langford, Gene Tunney and Bill Tilden when they appeared in the Louisiana city.

While there he worked with A. J. Heinemann, president of the New Orleans baseball club

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President Schedules 'Rose Gardener' for Students on Saturday

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—(U.P.)—When a member of the White House family of officials, reporters, and such regularly around the place says that the President is going to give a "rose gardener," they have something very exact in mind.

Anyone who knows the White House slang would know that a presidential "rose gardener" is an informal, sometimes sentimental, speech. A homely but frequently effective discourse.

Mr. Truman is good at that, speaking off the cuff.

Mighty Handy Way
When he wants to point a moral or in a folksy way extol the blessing of liberty, the responsibilities of citizenship, and the demands of patriotism—an informal "rose gardener" is a mighty handy way to do it.

The name came about because in good weather the President often makes these informal talks in the White House rose garden just outside his office. The grounds are spacious and a lot of visitors can gather there to listen.

A whisper comes from Key West that President Truman probably will deliver a "rose gardener" Saturday to scholars and journalists in New York City.

Here in Washington the tip has been out that Mr. Truman will bear down before the young folk on patriotism, citizenship, and the like.

The tips may be wrong. But

no amount of searching has discovered any preparation underway for a major policy statement. Such a speech would require collaboration of numerous experts in whatever field of policy the President chose to talk.

There seems to be some likelihood, too, that the President will speak from notes instead of manuscript in New York—almost a necessity if it is to be a "rose gardener."

So high policy, especially foreign policy, seems to be out. But Mr. Truman does not need policy experts to sound off on politics. He's an expert, himself. Since the tips went out on what was to come there has intervened a major political event. Mr. Truman was soundly licked in the New Hampshire Democratic primary by Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

Not Ideal Audience
A small bet that Mr. Truman will not ignore that event Friday might be a good investment. But scholastic journalists do not make the ideal political audience. The President's first big political speech of the campaign is better than a fortnight away.

The date is March 29. The \$100-a-plate Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner takes place here then. Mr. Truman might even say then whether he will run again. But precedent is against it. The late FDR after term II kept the party faithful guessing long after the annual Jefferson-Jackson doings.

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Babson ... Highways

By Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, Fla., March 14 (Special to Mail Tribune)—I have had so many letters from readers, "pro and con," regarding my column in this paper about highways—(see Jan. 18, 1952)—that I have collected some more facts which for two reasons I should pass along to my

readers. First, because I was perhaps unfair to the trucks; and second, because I wish to submit a constructive suggestion to road builders.

My first job after graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a civil engineer was to build state highways. I soon learned that the politicians want to spend money on the black tops which can be seen instead of on the highway foundations which the voters do not see. Then when a road cracks, these politicians blame it on the motor vehicles.

That these politicians are wrong is proven by driving along any state roads with cracks or patches. If it were the motor vehicles which caused the cracking, then every slab or section would be cracked or patched.

The fact that only a few are cracked or patched proves that the foundation was skimmed at certain points when being built. Let me here add that in 1950 motor vehicles paid about three billion dollars in taxes.

Real Hogging Done By Private Drivers
If motor vehicles do not move to the side when you blow your horn, or if they cross two solid lines painted on the center of a road, then you should report them. In this connection, state officials say that ignoring and crossing double solid lines is responsible for most of the bad accidents.

The real "hogging" is done by us privately owned car drivers who park on streets from which trucks are excluded. Furthermore, this parking by us is so choking the downtown business street that—if not forbidden—it will severely harm retail trade and depress the value of business property. It is very serious about this and—if space permitted—would like to say a good word for the bus companies.

ICC Should Have Right To Designate Construction
I am opposed to the so-called ton-mile tax unless it applies to all vehicles. In fact, there are only three legitimate purposes for the regulation of highway traffic: (1) Safety of all cars and persons; (2) Honest foundations for all roads; and (3) Making both trucking and railroad rates so as to be fair to every business and section. When railroads or trucks object to any of these goals, they are "hogging" legislation.

It surely would seem reason-

able to give the Interstate Commerce Commission the right to designate the construction of all highways to be used by trucks whose rates it now regulates. This commission already closely watches the roadbed and traffic regulations of the railroads.

Weight Reduction Should Be Goal of All

Both the protection of our highways and lower taxes will come from the discovery of some alloy which will partially reduce the pull of gravity. Studies to accomplish this are being encouraged by the Gravity Research Foundation of New Boston, N. H. In other words, the goal of all highway engineers, all vehicle owners, all consumers and all taxpayers should be to reduce weight. Excess weight is the real cause of highway trouble and excessive trucking rates.

I visualize before many years, large trucks will have "airtight" bodies such as are now used by refrigerator trailers to carry perishable or frozen foods. The body of such future trucks will be made of an alloy which will partially deflect the gravity waves from the contents of the trucks thus reducing the weight of the contents from 30,000 pounds to perhaps 5,000 pounds. Such gravity resisting alloys have not yet been discovered, but some alloys have been found to partially deflect magnetic, heat and light waves.

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Army Man Killed In Truck Accident

Fort Lewis, Wash.—(U.P.)—One man was killed and 19 others injured or shaken up when an Army truck skidded and rolled down a bank Thursday.

Military police said the names of the victim and the injured were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Four of the injured men were taken to Madigan Army hospital where attendants said one of them was suffering a broken back.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In New Hampshire, Eisenhower swamps Taft on the Republican side and on the Democratic side Kefauver snags Truman under.

All the political experts had allowed as how it would be otherwise.

COMMENT?

This is as good as any: Never go ALL-OUT for what the political experts say. They're too apt to be misled by wishful thinking. Back in 1948, the political experts didn't even give Truman an off chance. By election day, they had Dewey all but sitting on the White House porch.

Truman won.

IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, the political experts, including the country newspapers, were sure Ike was going to get an AWFUL jolt. Even Ike's strongest political backers were offering alibis. They said if he got half the delegates in the delegate race, and barely noded Taft out in the popularity contest he would be doing wonderfully well.

He got ALL the Republican delegates.

He won a decisive victory in the popularity poll.

ON THE DEMOCRATIC side, the political dispatches tell us the POLITICIALLY EXPERIENCED ONES conceded that Kefauver had "made some friends" in his leisurely, hand-shaking campaign in New Hampshire, but they added with a smug sniff that THE DEMOCRATIC MACHINE IN THE STATE WOULD BE TURNED OUT TO SMOTHER HIM IN THE POPULAR VOTE.

Emmett J. Kelly, Democratic national committeeman for the state, said Kefauver WOULDN'T EVEN MAKE A DENT in New Hampshire.

But Kefauver took ALL the Democratic delegates and he led Truman DECISIVELY in the popularity contest.

SO MUCH for the political professionals.

I'd say that the less heed you pay them the more independent your thinking will be and the more accurate it is likely to be.

If you have a FEELING IN YOUR BONES, trust it in preference to the pontifications of the political pundits. What we need in this country is more independent political thinking, with less attention paid to the pontificating of the political professionals.

Whatever your impulse in this campaign