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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 26, 1942

(It Was Thursday)

Audience packs courthouse

during water commission

hearing on installation

of water meters; many alternatives

suggested to save 5,000,000

gallons of water needed for

army cantonment near Medford.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: Farmers

complain that bent grass, which

bends the wrong way, is both-

ering them.

20 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1922

(It Was Saturday)

Proposed April 1 opening of

Crater Lake National park ex-

pected to be delayed by unusu-

ally heavy snowfall; reports

from park state 104 inches has

fallen during past two weeks.

Norris Porter, Medford, takes

contest at Pacific Coast confer-

ence fencing championships.

30 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1922

(It Was Sunday)

"Flivver" driven by Medford

chief of police "almost over-

turns in wild chase after speed-

er"; violator finally caught near

Voorhies crossing.

Medford woman sends letter

of appreciation to Ku Klux Klan

members after they anonymously

presented her with \$25.

40 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1912

(It Was Tuesday)

Thirty Medford men meet

in Medford hotel to discuss for-

mation of a National Guard unit

here.

Medford fire department drills

for first time as paid organiza-

tion; Chief Gene Amann prom-

ises improved protection for high

buildings.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT

Powell L. Everett, overload, \$36.50

Stephen O. Wilson, no motor vehicle

license, \$6.

Gene W. Weitman, no red flag on

extended load, \$6.

Morris L. Frink, overload, \$116.

Charles L. Fry, overweight load, \$6.

Maurice S. Robbins, failure to stop

sign \$10, overweight load, \$7.

Wayne K. Griffith, passing with in-

sufficient clearance, \$10.

Earl L. Sands, no operator's license,

court costs only.

George W. Campbell, driving while

operator's license suspended, \$10.

Lester Benjamin Simmons, petty

larceny, \$30.

Carl D. Sample, no operator's li-

cense, court costs only.

Gerald R. Albright, overweight load,

\$15.

Raleigh Matthews, drunk on public

highway, \$15.

Charles E. Bennett, overload,

\$162.50.

Arthur Harding, no operator's li-

cense, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT

Olive Rae Kincaid vs. Charles Glenn

Kincaid, divorce decree.

Clara E. Bunting vs. Walter R.

Bunting, divorce decree.

Margaret Marie Bishop vs. C. R.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, March 22—Have to give the weather-man his due. A couple of wonderful days—more like Fall than Spring, however—windy, cool, crisp and cloudless skies.

Today there are a few clouds in the heavens, but it doesn't look like rain, and one thing sure there will be no CYCLONES. Climatically probably all of us living on the Pacific coast are spoiled. We really don't know what bad weather is, compared with the poor unfortunates who have to live east of the Rockies.

One of our earliest recollections is a trip by "buggy" to Davis Junction, Illinois, to see one of Aunt A's farms which had been wrecked by a cyclone—barn and house strewn all over the 400 acres, and a thousand dollars loss in livestock. A thousand dollars loss was nothing to take in one's stride or a smile in those days! No one killed or hurt, however. One odd—and fortunate—thing about Rockford, Illinois, a few miles north of Davis Junction, there were cyclones all around the "forest city" north, south, east and west, but never one within five miles of it. The C of C advertised this fact.

Yesterday, being so nice and balmy, decided to take advantage of it by attending the horse-races across the bay at Golden Gate Fields. Never again!—there were close to 25,000 people who had the same idea and the place was like the N. Y. subway at 5 p.m. Usually the distaff member of the family has all the luck, but it was the other way around this time. Nothing to boast about, but the outdoor "sport of kings" was not as expensive entertainment as it usually is. Those who attend horse races for reasons other than entertainment, are as "easy-marks" as those who go to a political rally for factual information. But don't take them in under any circumstances, on week-ends. Even the entertainment is then eliminated if the weather is OK.

Some new features since the "Salade" days at Agua Caliente, Mexico. They advertise "inexpensive admission fees today," which in view of inflation prices has some validity. But if the place is packed, as it was yesterday, you decide to go into the "club house"—another charge. But only reserved seats are available in the club house which takes another contribution. If your reserved seats are poor—because all the good ones have been sold—you are advised to get a "box." Before you get through finding a decent place to sit, your entrance fee has risen above the speculators "cut" on Broadway, and you vow you will join the "turf club" before you try any more horse races in Sunny California.

Recent experiences have reminded the writer of a very old story.

There was the ship captain who, back in New York after a long cruise, decided to "paint the town red," in the time-honored tradition of the sea. But after making a round of the refreshment parlors, 25 or 30 of them, until long after midnight, he finally departed for his hotel. En route he leaned against a lamp post (this was many years ago), and bursting into tears declared, "The whole world's rotten!" (The trouble with the captain was he had eaten a limburger-cheese sandwich early in the evening, and a piece of the exceedingly ripe limburger had become imbedded in his mustache!)

Well, if any visitor in San Francisco had followed the following route this past week—attended the movie at the State Theatre on Market, then "The Rose Tattoo" at the Geary; followed by the Japanese movie classic Rashomon at the Stage Door; the French movie winner "La Rende" at the Vogue; ending up at the peep-hole murder trial at the Criminal Court, he would feel like following the ship captain's example and crying "the whole world's rotten!" AND WITH CAUSE.

We feel compelled to admit along with the magazine "The New Yorker" that the press errs deplorably at times. Not as deplorably or frequently as some of its prejudiced critics maintain, but more frequently than should be the case. A friend in Medford sent us a copy of Owen Lattimore's statement before the McCarran committee for example, which gives a picture of the man and the case so different from that given by the press reports, that no one could believe they referred to the same person or the same occasion.

We grant, of course, requirements of time and space, render anything like a complete factual coverage of such a hearing impossible, only the highlights can be used, and naturally the highlights usually are items chiefly interesting to the rank and file at the moment—what is popular, what will make a headline. But in this case both the UP and the AP were guilty of giving an absolutely INCORRECT picture of the situation by the news they did send out, practically excluding Lattimore's defense and greatly exaggerating the validity of the committee's accusations. They also made it appear Lattimore was a perjurer, when not even the most bitter critics of the Johns Hopkins professor claimed he was one.

The time is coming—if it isn't here now—when the newspapers of the country in their own SELF-INTEREST, must be more meticulous about their reporting of important events, especially those of a controversial political character. British newspapers, particularly the Manchester Guardian, set a good example in this direction which U. S. newspapers would be wise to follow.

Another example, in a less serious field, was the news reports of this "peephole murder" case—how they differed in the local press factually. The Chronicle, for example, maintained the defendant, Elbert Belote, took the jury verdict of guilty in the first degree very badly, turning white as a sheet, shaking his head and sputtering between clenched teeth: "It's unfair, it's bad, it's wrong!"

The Call Bulletin, however, maintained Belote took the verdict without batting an eye, said, "Well that's that," and arose to follow his keeper back to his cell, with stoical self-possession, and commendable resignation.

Who was right? We don't know, for while we looked in on the trial the final day we did not return for the verdict. On general principles we would go along with the Chronicle rather than the Hearst paper, but it may not have been true in this case. The example, however, only shows: (1) how two mature, and in this case experienced people, can differ in describing the same incident and (2) how necessary it has become for the newspapers of this country to stop look-and-listen, with special emphasis upon the need of a bit of house-cleaning in their OWN profession.

Perhaps the Academy "Oscar" awards the other night in L.A. could have been worse, but someone would have had to work overtime to make them so. Imagine, top-awards to "An American in Paris" and to Humphrey Bogart's ACTING in "The African Queen"! Angels and Ministers of Grace defend us—what NEXT! Vivien Leigh was OK in "The Streetcar Named Desire," but how in creation was Kim Hunter chosen over Marlon Brando? According to one report from Hollywood, Brando was disregarded because, quote: "Marlon isn't very popular in Hollywood"

What in heck has personal popularity in Hollywood got to do with it? Or is that the tip-off? Does that explain WHY these Academy awards are going down hill so fast that they soon won't be taken any more seriously than the mimeograph outputs of the studio press-agents?

Returning to news and news-writing, we found under a small head on an inside page of "The Examiner" the following item:

"The Los Angeles County Medical Association has decided to proceed immediately against some of the 200 'CPS' member-doctors who have been cheating that association out of thousands of dollars by charging for operations that were never performed, imaginary x-ray treatments and rendering bills for services never performed."

TWO HUNDRED of them! This is hard to believe, even in L.A. But there is the item, and the Los Angeles Medical Association is quoted—so it can hardly be another attack on the profession—certainly not along the reprehensible line of "socialization."

Ho, hum—the above we grant, isn't very cheering—guess we will have to join the ship captain who failed to get that piece of limburger out of his mustache!—R.W.R.

CORN YIELD BOOSTED
Champaign, Ill. — (U.P.) — The University of Illinois college of agriculture reports a new record average corn yield of 107 bushels per acre on 21 experimental fields in 1951. The previous high was 102 bushels in 1948.COLLEGE GETS RARE GIFT
Ithaca, N. Y. — (U.P.) — A rare 4,000 volume Brazilian library, including material printed at the time of the important Portuguese and Spanish explorations of the 16th century, has been donated to Cornell University.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



MISTER JOHNSON

"If I was a bachelor like you are, Mr. Johnson, I sure wouldn't let myself in for all this heavy gardenin'!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

CANDIDATE MacARTHUR

Washington—General Douglas MacArthur's statement last week was conned over, if not exactly nervously, at least with a faintly anxious interest, by the leaders of the campaign for General Dwight D. Eisenhower. And all concerned reached the same conclusions.

First, General MacArthur must now be counted an active candidate, at least on a contingent basis. Second, if Senator Robert A. Taft's campaign really collapses, as it shows some signs of doing, MacArthur will then become the spearhead of an all-out, last-ditch effort to elect Eisenhower anti-backed by the Republican "drive-me-too" wing of the Republican party.

It is not easy to define, of course, the precise point at which the Taft campaign might at some future date be said to have failed. Taft's definition would certainly differ from that of the Eisenhower men. Some of these are already, in fact, saying that "Bob Taft's all washed up," on the grounds that Taft's only real chance rested on showing unchallengeable strength on the first ballot at Chicago, and that this is now clearly impossible.

A more sensible view seems to be that two tests must first be applied, before it will be clear whether or not Taft is out of the running. The first test is obviously the Wisconsin primary on April 1. Even the Taft men agree that Taft has every possible advantage in Wisconsin—notably including the fact that Eisenhower is not entered there—and that Taft must win hands down in Wisconsin if he is to win at all. Taft's Wisconsin manager Tom Coleman, has predicted that Taft will take all thirty delegates. He might drop two or three to a second string candidate, Harold E. Stassen or Governor Earl Warren of California, and still survive. But if Taft loses more than a handful of delegates, he almost automatically becomes a second string candidate himself.

THE second test is in many ways more decisive. Taft's basic strength has always rested with the regular organizations in the non-primary states, notably in the South, where delegates can be delivered more or less at will by a few professionals. By and large, the professionals have been for Taft, in part simply because they sympathize with his views. But especially among Southern Republicans, ideas are far less important than being for the winner. A rush of the professionals to Eisenhower, as the probable winner, would of course spell Taft's doom.

The Eisenhower leaders claim that at least a bigish trickle has already started. They are coy about names, for obvious reasons, but they are saying that they have been approached by numerous previously pro-Taft professionals from Florida, Kentucky, and other southern states. The alacrity with which Governor Driscoll of New Jersey jumped on the Eisenhower bandwagon after New Hampshire, and the current effort of the Warren supporters to identify their man with Eisenhower, at least make these claims sound believable.

If Taft does poorly in Wisconsin, the trickle will tend to become a flood. Then only General MacArthur might stem the flood, given the determined support of the large numbers of powerful Republicans who have no stomach for the foreign policy of which Eisenhower is a symbol. It is too easily forgotten that, at last judging from the voting record in Congress, these Republicans are an actual majority in the party. Ever since the death of Senator Arthur Vandenberg, well over half the Senate Republicans, including nine of the thirteen freshmen who stand this year for reelection, have rather consistently followed Taft on foreign policy. Eisenhower's nomination and election would be something like a death-knell

for this wing of the Republican party.

AND this wing of the party is certainly not going to accept sentence of death without a struggle. If the Taft candidacy clearly fails, a MacArthur candidacy will give the anti-mac-too Republicans a chance to match military glamor against military glamor. And MacArthur is nothing if not anti-mac-too, on domestic as well as foreign issues. The tone of his recent statements and speeches—in one of which he went so far as to warn that creeping socialism even threatens professional football—places MacArthur well to the right of Taft.

The question remains whether an active MacArthur candidacy could restrain the nervous professionals, if the Taft candidacy bogged down. Since Eisenhower's extraordinary personal popularity is clearly his central asset, the answer largely depends on whether MacArthur really has the huge popular following his supporters claim for him. If this following is really great—as it seemed to be just after MacArthur's dismissal—he might be able to stem the Eisenhower flood. If it is largely a myth—as it seemed to be in the 1948 pre-convention campaign, and as it has sometimes seemed to be since—then nothing on earth can stop Eisenhower if the Taft candidacy collapses in the next few weeks.

Officials Free To Go Ahead With State Bond Issues

Washington — (U.P.) — Federal Reserve Governor Oliver S. Powell said Wednesday state officials now are free to go ahead with state bond issues for such things as veterans' bonuses if they deem them essential.

President Truman asked Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson Monday to remove restrictions covering borrowing by state and local governments but urged the subdivisions to limit themselves to essential borrowing.

Borrowing Screened
Under Powell's supervision, private investment bankers have been screening proposed public and private borrowing to weed out programs deemed not "essential" to national defense.

Powell said his National Voluntary Credit Restraint committee will comply with the president's request. He said "it will depend on state officials" whether bonds to finance bonuses and other "non-essential" projects are issued.

Under the voluntary restraint program, 67 state and local bond issues totalling \$300,795,000 have been postponed voluntarily, including issues in Oregon, Montana and West Virginia which were to be used to finance veterans bonuses.

Vast Oil Empire In Canada Outlined

Calgary, Alta. — (U.P.) — A vast oil empire will be pioneered in western Canada by American capital in the not-too-distant future, an American banker said here Tuesday.

E. O. Buck, vice president of

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

I'm sure you must have followed, as I have, the dramatic story of the cougar dogs that were trapped on a dangerous ledge on the snow-swept side of a mountain north of Seattle.

MEN braved the mountain's wintry hazards to SAVE THE DOGS. They arrived too late. The two animals marooned on the ledge were dead—victims of cold, not hunger, veteran woodsmen of the region said.

That is a minor matter. The big story is that American men risked their lives to save the lives of the dogs.

THE story speaks (mistakenly, I think) of their VALUEN. Let's not fool ourselves. It was no property consideration that led those men up that icy mountain.

The Good Book says (John XV, 13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Those mountaineers up in northern Washington didn't actually lay down their lives. But they LAID THEM ON THE LINE.

They were WILLING to die in an attempt to save the lives of their canine friends.

TO ME, that highlights one of GREAT mistakes we've made in our foreign policy. Our leaders have permitted us to be pictured to the world as cold, hard, DOLLAR-CHASERS.

It isn't true. We aren't that kind of people. WE'RE WARM-HEARTED AND SENTIMENTAL. Those men who climbed the mountain up north of Seattle to try to save a couple of dogs are TYPICAL Americans. We're built that way. The dollar-chasing picture has been conjured up by our enemies.

It's a lie. But our leaders, by their ineptness, have permitted it to be HUNG ON US—their great harm throughout the world. As a result, our leadership in world affairs has been discredited in the eyes of BILLIONS of people who FEAR us instead of admiring and trusting us.

That is little short of catastrophic.

WHAT'S wrong with us? That's a big question, but I'll try to answer it—according to my own convictions. When we say that Americans are warm-hearted, sentimental folk, cherishing ideals for which they are willing to give their lives if need be (as witness this attempted rescue of canine friends trapped on a storm-swept Washington mountain) we mean that AS A RULE they are like that.

But—NO proverb is more universal in its truth than this one: THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO ALL RULES. There are exceptions to the rule that Americans are warm-hearted, sentimental, kindly people. There are Americans who are hard and cold and grasping. Americans who are willing to BETRAY THEIR TRUST to line their pockets. They are exceptions. There's another proverb that says "exceptions prove the rule."

HERE'S what I'm getting at: We've permitted these exceptions to GET INTO POWER. We've permitted it by our carelessness in choosing our leaders. We've permitted our judgment to be warped by demagogues who have appealed to our baser instincts and our hatreds and our suspicions.

The result is the fix we're in now.

I THINK we REALIZE it. We're groping, blindly but eagerly, for leadership that we can TRUST. Leaders who will lead us in the right direction. The direction we really want to go.

That explains what has happened in New Hampshire and Minnesota. We have a feeling that we can trust Eisenhower. It is an instinctive feeling. Hence our willingness to accept him on faith. Anyway, I HOPE I'm right. If we really do feel that way it is a groundswell.

If it IS a groundswell, it must mean that the people of the United States of America are in the mood to take over their government and see to it that they get the kind of leaders they feel they can trust.

That would be great.

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.

The Swallows Again

To the Editor: I was so in hopes that we could get by this spring without that Capistrano swallow myth barging into the press. But here comes Frank Jenkins in his Sunday Mail Tribune column: "Hot Story Upcoming on Big Surprise of the Year Swallows Fail To Return To Capistrano."

Cripes, they seldom do arrive on schedule as the old Mission promoters and California generally would have us believe they do. How could the swallows arrive on any given date? They are flight feeders, would starve to death if the ground was covered with insects, as they did several years ago in the deep south when a sudden freeze killed off insect life.

But the tourists do flock to the ancient Mission on March 19 to gaze rapidly at cock sparrows and swifts (do they know the difference?) quarrelling over nesting rights. And the pretty, scantily clad guide girls are there to trail them through the old hide and tallow workshop in back and discreetly vanish when they arrive in the well stocked souvenir room.

It is discouraging. I have fought the thing in newspapers and magazines from Michigan to the Pacific Coast. But it persistently pops up every springtime. There are people who prefer to believe what they prefer to believe, regardless of facts and logic. These are the ones the Kremlin cuties are aiming at with their phony claims of priority in all inventions; that we started the mess in Korea and are now dumping disease carrying spiders, flies and lice on the north Korean Red's. Didn't someone once remark: "what fools ye mortals be?"

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Wildlife Federation

To the Editor: The Wildlife Federation is a league of state groups and organizations having as their objective the conservation and wise use of our natural resources. It is a non-profit, non-political organization.

Help us restore, protect and conserve your outdoors. The primary purpose is to educate the adult and youth in the necessity of conserving our natural resources for the benefit of all citizens of the United States. Stop polluting our river systems and endangering aquatic life and public health by proper sewage and waste disposal treatment. Stop erosion of valuable top soil by proper soil practices and treatment. Stop depletion of forest timber from fires mismanagement and disease by scientific forest management.

Help provide America's wildlife with adequate food and shelter for its survival. Conserve and protect the environment that wildlife requires. Conserve, protect, restore America's natural resources.

Marilyn J. Gast,
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Credit Cards

To the Editor: Several years ago some person bought gasoline at a filling station in Tillamook, using a credit card which had my name on it. I have no idea how this person acquired my credit card. Anyway, the purchase was billed to me and I refused to pay it. The oil company took the loss.

Since then I have received many credit cards, all of which have been immediately torn up and thrown away. Now credit cards have been extended to include restaurants, motels, clothing stores, jewelers, and even an optometrist in San Francisco. An enterprising crook able to

DEFENSE SPEEDED UP

Waltham, Mass. — (U.P.) — The Raytheon Manufacturing Co., has thrown a high-frequency "snake" into the salvage of essential metals for defense. A new ultrasonic vibrator shakes vital metals free of insulating material, doing the work of 10 people under former methods in less time.

Your Mortgage Problem

is our business too!



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