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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 30, 1942

(It was Monday)

Jackson county tax collections

amount to \$560,193 during first

six months of fiscal year.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: Several

citizens confess they have the

spring fever, heretofore classi-

fied as inability to shake off the

flu, contracted last October.

20 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1922

(It was Wednesday)

State police here arrest Se-

attle man found to be smuggling

168 bottles of "fancy" liquor

from California.

Dr. Clarence Spears resigns

as University of Oregon football

coach to take job at Wisconsin

at \$10,000 a year.

80 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1922

(It was Thursday)

Medford Attorney Gus New-

bury announces that he is can-

didate for circuit judge.

Fire on South Grape street

causes \$12,500 damage when

doughnuts catch fire in bakery.

40 YEARS AGO

March 30, 1912

(It was Saturday)

Between 75 and 100 Medford

men reported to be prospective

members of Industrial Workers

of World chapter here; editor

of Socialist newspaper said to

be leader.

Col. Frank L. TouVelle, Rogue

valley, announces he will be

candidate for Jackson county

judge.

Broadcast Studio

To Be Constructed

At Vets' Center

A broadcasting studio, a project

which Paul Hutton, manager

of the Veterans' Administration

Domiciliary center, has wanted

ever since the veterans' home

here opened, has been made pos-

sible through a gift from the

American Legion's Gifts for the

Yanks. A check for \$675 was

presented to Hutton by Hollis

Hull, Albany, state command-

er of the American Legion, at

the Legion district conference

in Grants Pass recently.

The equipment has been or-

dered and work will start soon

on the construction of a sound-

proof studio in the theater

building. It will be located in

the hall at the rear of the the-

ater. There will be windows on

all sides and it will be possi-

ble for the announcer to see the

theater stage.

The studio will be primarily

for member participation, ac-

cording to Hutton. The men will

work up their own broadcasts.

Equipment will be included to

cut records so that a program

may be broadcast at another

time.

To Develop Interest

"As a recreational and edu-

cational program," Hutton said,

"it cannot be beat. We are al-

ways seeking ways to develop

interest and participation by

disabled men. There are many tal-

ented men among the members."

Broadcasts will be confined

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, March 27—It's hard to please the visiting
firemen! A week ago it was too wet and cold. Now it is too hot
and humid—83 in the shade—a record.The Weather Man appears to be as confused and at sea as every-
one else. Why couldn't he be reasonable instead of going to such
unseemly and unseasonable extremes?The Republicans aren't going to have any one-sided field-day
this campaign.

At least there will be SOME competition.

Take, for example, the moral collapse in Washington involving

"the corrupt and criminal" Harry W. Grunewald, and those scan-

dalous profits made in post-war tanker sales!

Two of the most prominent Republicans in the country—

minority-leader Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire and

Senator Owen Brewster of Maine, Bob Taft's right-hand man, are

now under suspicion.

There appears to be no doubt Brewster did not think taking

\$10,000 of Grunewald's "tainted money" to help Senator Dixon

of California, was improper. While Bridges, who is paid—or was

paid—\$30,000 a year to represent organized labor in Washington,

does not deny he intervened with RFC to get a reduction in one

Hyman Harvey Klein's income tax.

Hyman, it seems, invested \$1,000 in Canadian whiskey and

made \$5,000,000! But he failed to show 25% of that gargantuan

profit in his income tax report.

Who said anything about mink coats and deep freezes? Why,

General Vaughan was a piker, dealing in peanuts compared to

these upper-bracket representatives of the great GOP moral uplift!

As remarked in this department many months ago, SIN can't

successfully be made a PARTISAN issue, no matter how hard the

professional politicians of any party try to do so.

Nor will General Douglas MacArthur, we fear, have any easy

sailing. He still enjoys a widespread personal popularity, but so

did Admiral Dewey after the battle of Manila Bay. In a knock-

out drag-out campaign we predict, even if the General refuses

to take off his scrambled-egg hat and his specially tailored be-

medicated tunic, he will probably not come out of the free-for-all

as immaculate and photogenic as he went in. To those eager for

details we would recommend an authoritative survey of the Mac-

Arthur record by the Messers Rovere and Schlesinger Jr., in a

book entitled "The General and the President."

That book plainly shows that General MacArthur decided

soon after he was placed in supreme command in the Far East to

play politics. Practically all of his reports to Washington, all

his remarks and ex-officio statements had a definite anti-Truman

partisan slant. Whatever his basic motives may have been, there

is no question he made up his mind to adopt a course which

could have only one logical result—his discharge or his resignation.

It is a most extraordinary record indeed, which if placed be-

fore the American people in detail—as it almost certainly will,

if the general should become an active candidate for the presi-

dency—can hardly fail to have the most devastating and dis-

illusioning effect.

According to the newspaper grapevine here, Mrs. MacArthur

is as strongly opposed to her husband entering the presidential

race as Mrs. Truman is against her husband running for reelec-

tion. We predict political history will record that in this instance,

the distaff members of the two families were—and are—100% RIGHT!

There is almost as striking a contrast here between Market

Street and Grant Avenue as there is in New York between

Broadway and Fifth Avenue. The latest addition to the smart

shopping district here is a brand new Saks 5th Avenue shop,

on Grant, while only a few blocks away are the comparatively

new Macys and Magnins. The White House is desperately remodel-

ing to keep up with the procession, while the City of Paris, which

recently celebrated its centennial, shows the hardihood of the

Forty Niners who established it by specializing in house furnishings,

imported wines and foods, that compare favorably with S. S.

Pierce Co. in Boston.

Dropped into the Crystal Palace market on Market Street

yesterday to get a "Coke" after viewing the hot and exhausting

Shriners parade, the general market layout, reminding your cor-

respondent of Klines and 14th street, New York, in July.

While there, had the pleasure of seeing an Italian woman pur-

chase two pounds of D'Anjou pears from Medford, Oregon, for

50 cents. Twenty-five cents a pound for D'Anjou isn't bad, is it?

Well, the Shriners have a good time. After the parade they

proceeded to hold some sort of initiation in front of the City Hall—

a circus callopie, a Powell Street cable-car—on a truck—all newly

painted in Shrine colors—were used as "props." It took us back

50 years to a graveyard, a golf course, and an order which com-

pelled a certain callow youth to wear an old hat, sweater, and

sneakers for three days—not only to classes but to chapel with

cheerfulness on strings swinging from the bonnet.

SO—Senator Joe McCarthy has sued Senator Benton of Con-

necticut for \$2,000,000 libel when the latter accepted his challenge

to waive senatorial immunity. Don't worry! McCarthy's libel suit

will never come to trial any more than Alger Hiss' libel suit

against Whittaker Chambers ever came to trial. And for essen-

tially the same reason.

A pasty-faced, long-haired Mexican kid, priding himself on

being a Mission Street "Lothario," brutally attacked a 17-year-old

high school girl here last Sunday night and when arrested a few

hours later admitted without the slightest evidence of remorse,

"Sure, he had killed her."

When asked if he thought he would "swing" for the crime,

he jauntily said he did not think so. Guess he knows what sort

of justice is dispensed around here.

For the next day George Davis, one of the city's crack

criminal lawyers, called on this Mission Street pants-presser and

then sallied forth with a brand new story, completely contradict-

ing the story told by Roman Rodriguez, the young degenerate,

24 hours before. Everyone knows the boy told the truth and his

smart lawyer didn't. But practically everyone also knows that

where there is money enough to hire an upper-bracket criminal

lawyer like Davis the chances of any punishment fitting the crime,

ever being imposed, is practically nil.

And yet some good people wonder why it is so hard to halt

the crime wave!

Well, finally your correspondent has found a Hollywood

movie he can sit through without acute sea-sickness—"Viva Za-

pata" with Marlon Brando in the title role. It isn't a great movie,

but it is a GOOD one—honest, free from pretense, hokum and

flim-flam, with some regard for history and not so much for

historians.

Brando is a rare Hollywood exhibit these days—a young

man who can act, who takes his job seriously, interprets his roles

intelligently, refuses to play up to the Hollywood phony, and

refuses to believe the average American movie fan is as dumb

and crude as the Big-Shot Producers always assume he is.

—R.W.R.

STUDENT PAYS BACK

Providence, R. I. (U.P.)—An

unidentified Brown University

student repaid the university

\$1,275 he had received in

scholarship funds during a

three-year period. He explained

he unexpectedly became heir to

a large sum of money.

BURGLARS SHARE LOOT

Oronofino, Ida. (U.P.)—Burglars

who took \$1,300 from slot

machines dropped \$50 of the money

in the club's March of Dimes

collection box before fleeing.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe

"Yeah! I know I'm going too slow but I got a fare here
with a bad case of spring fever."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and
Stewart Alsop

TWO RELUCTANT DRAGONS

Washington—Recent visitors

to Key West strongly suspect

that the presidential mind,

which was pretty well made up

until very recently, has now

been unmade again. They are

also beginning to believe, as one

Key West pilgrim put it, that

"this may be 1940 all over

again." In short, the feeling is

growing that President Truman,

contrary to previous expecta-

tions, will not announce his fu-

ture course for a long time, and

perhaps not until just before the

democratic convention in July.

Trying to read the president's

mind is, of course, an exceed-

ingly risky business. But it is at

least true that a subtle but sig-

nificant change in the presi-

dent's attitude is reported from

Key West. Before going to Flor-

ida, Truman gave those close to

him good reason to believe that

he would announce his course

soon—April 12 was one date

specifically mentioned.

Aside from the fact that April

12 is the seventh anniversary of

Truman's taking office, this date

has another significance. It is

four days after the primary in

Illinois, in which Gov. Adlai

Stevenson is expected to be re-

nominated. Thus Stevenson

could thereafter become a presi-

dential candidate and still retain

the power to influence the

choice of his successor as gov-

ernor, if need be. And there were

plenty of other indications that

Truman planned to withdraw

and promote a Stevenson

candidate.