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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 April 14, 1942

United States government authorizes construction of \$93,000 USO building in Medford.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A Detroit man claims he can take an auto apart in 30 seconds.

20 YEARS AGO April 14, 1932

Members of Jackson county court report that limestone facing on new courthouse building at Main street and Oakdale avenue will be completed soon.

30 YEARS AGO April 14, 1922

Porter J. Neff, Medford, reports local residents taking active part in Dunbar Opera company in San Francisco.

Butte Falls residents report adverse weather conditions are halting construction of new county roads in that area.

40 YEARS AGO April 14, 1912

United States forest service prepares to print maps of Crater lake area and make them available to the public free of charge for first time.

Clara Barton, founder of the national American Red Cross, dies at her home in Glen Echo, Md.

COMMUNICATIONS

Easter Egg Grab

To the Editor: Have you ever been to a public Easter egg hunt?

If we wish to teach our children greed and selfishness, they certainly got a lesson Saturday.

Two Mothers. (Names on file.)

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Tomorrow Is Deadline

There are still several thousand people in Jackson county who have failed to register. They will not be able to vote in the May 16 primary election unless they take a few minutes to attend to the matter before Tuesday evening when the registration books will be closed.

THE test of a voter's sincerity isn't graded on his curbstone opinions. They aren't important even to himself if he will not register, and vote, to give them meaning.

Registering and voting, constitute a duty that all should face up to, regardless of on which side of the political equator they may stand.

GOVERNOR Douglas McKay recently expressed alarm and regret over Oregon's record as the poorest of all western states in the matter of voter participation.

There is still time to register but that time is growing extremely short. The deadline is 8 p.m., Tuesday.—E.C.F.

Congress To Eye Rain Making

In the belief that rainmakers and others who hope to control the weather should be put under government regulation, a senate sub-committee, of which Sen. Warren G. Magnusen (D-Wash.) is chairman, has proposed legislation that would set up a committee of weather experts and government leaders to consider the various problems connected with "weather modification."

Congress will undoubtedly find its work cut out for it if it attempts to provide an agency capable of arbitrating disputes over weather control throughout the country, or to reconcile the various opposing interests.

LIVELY controversies have raged for some time over weather interference, especially on the west coast where the wide diversity of agriculture makes for an equally wide diversification in viewpoint as to what should or should not be done about interference with the natural supply of precipitation.

In regions where fruit and grain are grown in close proximity the farmers' interests in weather are generally so diametrically opposed as to make arbitration practically impossible.

IN EASTERN Washington the cherry growers and wheat ranchers are at sword's point over rain making, the former contending that extra rain squeezed out of the clouds is causing heavy damage to their fruit. Growers in the Yakima area have organized under the name "Sunshine Unlimited," and have subscribed \$7,000 on a \$1 a ton basis.

Wheat ranchers, on the other hand, are going ahead there with plans for rain making operations despite action of the Washington State Fruit Commission in undertaking research on the chances of stopping such operations.

The cherry growers, who are particularly opposed to June rain, have consulted an Olympia meteorologist who claims that he can "over-seed" cloud formations with silver iodide crystals and dissipate them.

WHEAT farmers of Douglas, Adams and Lincoln counties in the north central portion of Washington, however, are so convinced that rain-making is possible that they are reported planning to sign contracts calling for expenditure of \$14,000 per county in the effort.

IN WASHINGTON state, as in Oregon, there is talk of state regulation of weather interference. And now that the congress is also giving the matter attention it is not unlikely that some sort of legislation will be forthcoming before long.

That any such regulatory efforts can satisfy all interests seems extremely doubtful.—E.C.F.

Beware of Duds

Last week's tragic maiming of a Yreka, Calif., boy again emphasizes the extreme danger faced by those who pick up or otherwise monkey with dud shells found on artillery ranges.

ONLY good sense and a certain amount of luck have prevented similar casualties in this vicinity, as a number of dud shells and mines have been found in the Camp White region, most of them in the area used for artillery practice during the time the camp was occupied.

Those who have found the death-dealing devices here have immediately called on military experts to dispose of them. Anyone finding duds in the future should exercise equal judgment.—E.C.F.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Do you HAVE to use red ink?"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

THE HARRIMAN CANDIDACY Washington—There is more than meets the eye to the plan to make W. Averell Harriman New York's favorite son.

Immediately after the Jefferson-Jackson dinner, at which President Truman made his surprise withdrawal announcement, Harriman and Stevenson, who are old friends, sought each other out.

HARRIMAN argued eloquently with him, especially when Stevenson indicated that he thought Dwight D. Eisenhower would be the Republican choice, and gave his reasons for not wanting to run against Eisenhower.

EVANGELISTS Visit Foursquare Gospel A religious scenic measuring 20 by 26 inches will be given away at the Foursquare Gospel church on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m.

most certainly be formalized. This dinner should be an interesting occasion. All the Democratic hopefuls, with the possible exception of Gov. Stevenson, but conspicuously including Kefauver, will be on display.

HE also cleared his status as a five star general. Until the convention, he will remain an army officer on inactive duty.

EVANGELISTS Will Paint, Sing As her husband the Rev. Elmer Darnall, sings a favorite hymn. The picture will be awarded to the one bringing the most new visitors that have never been in the church before.



STAFF MEMBER Mrs. H. E. Marsh Organist Westminster Guild D.A.R. Bow-Bell Business and Professional Women

Korea War Dead Inspire Eighth Army Soldiers Seoul—(U.P.)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet told Eighth Army troops in Korea Saturday "we derive additional assistance" from the inspiration service rendered by United Nations soldiers who have died in battle.

HERE is the leading paragraph from Saturday's Easter story: "Songs will echo across the mountainsides and fill the churches Sunday in memory of the resurrection of Christ."

HERE is another paragraph from the same story:

Eisenhower Putting New Touch on Front Porch Campaigning

BY LYLE C. WILSON

Washington—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is putting a new hop to the "front porch" campaign technique which was invented by William McKinley back there in 1896.

The Eisenhower touch apparently will be to make a standstill race for the Republican presidential nomination. McKinley did not take to his front porch and his old rocking chair until he had been nominated for President.

Warren Gamaliel Harding sat out the 1920 presidential campaign on his front porch in Marion, O. He defeated the Democratic nominee, James M. Cox, whose running mate was a young fellow from New York known as Frank Roosevelt—FDR.

To McKinley's and Harding's front porches came endless deputations. So will endless deputations be calling on Eisenhower when he returns here toward June 1. His week-end announcement in Paris that he would not go off campaigning until and unless he won the presidential nomination said, also, that the swarm of political visitors who

descended upon him in the past few months had made it impossible for him to continue as Allied commander in Europe.

As Al Jolson used to say, the general ain't seen nothin' yet. For every 10 visitors to his Paris headquarters there will be 100 seeking Eisenhower's counsel or offering their own when he comes home. If he makes a little speech of greeting to the visiting firemen from time to time and these little speeches have some political wallop, who could call that campaigning? It would be common courtesy.

That was the way McKinley and Harding kept poking at the issues of the day in 1896 and 1920.

Eisenhower is well equipped with politically suitable front porches. McKinley's Canton, O., and Harding's Marion, are no more folksy and of the common people than Eisenhower's Abilene, Kan. Each of them would make a good backdrop for a political campaign.

Eisenhower has another porch handy, however. It is on the farm house the general bought some months ago in the rolling hills of southern Pennsylvania. If there is a front porch anywhere better suited to politicking than in some small mid-western town, it would be a farm front porch with the owner gently rocking at his ease.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Paris: "General Eisenhower has disclosed he aims to be home in Abilene, Kansas, by June 4—just 33 days before the Republican national convention."

"Until he leaves, he told a news conference, 'I am not going to discuss any kind of political questions, so I can devote myself to this job' (meaning his job in Europe.)"

A five star general holds his rank and pay for life unless he resigns. By resigning to run for president, General Eisenhower will give up his earned lifetime security and will take his chances, along with everybody else.

"That," he said in Paris this morning, "will leave me free to speak, like any other citizen, on any subject."

THESE plans, I imagine, won't suit too well the politicians who have attached themselves to General Eisenhower's candidacy "riding his coat-tails" is a good rough-and-ready expression for what a lot of them are (doing). They want him to get home as soon as possible and wage into it hammer and tongs. They're staking their political futures on him, and they want to take as few chances as possible.

Presidential nominations have always been gone after slam-bang, hammer and tongs. I'm - the - man - for - the - job - and - everybody - ought - to - know - it, and the politicians can't envision any other way to do it. Besides, a slam bang, hammer and tongs campaign gives the politicians a better opportunity to impress THEIR importance on the candidate and on the people, thus putting them in line for more personal power.

But I think the people are going to like the way Ike says he is going to do it. The support for General Eisenhower that has developed is something strange and unusual. It is like nothing that any of us have ever seen before. It is a YEARNING, it seems to me—a yearning for something better than we have had in the past. Always before (except in the case of General Washington) the man has sought the office. Things being what they are, the idea appears to have come to millions of people all at once that this is a time when the office ought to seek the man. When you're in a bad fix and NEED a good man in your business as you never needed him before, your inclination is to go out and SEEK him rather than wait for him to come barging into your office recommending himself to the skies.

If that is true, Ike's instinct is sound.

HERE is the leading paragraph from Saturday's Easter story: "Songs will echo across the mountainsides and fill the churches Sunday in memory of the resurrection of Christ."

That is the true spirit of Easter. Easter is a SYMBOL. A symbol of hope arising out of despair. Without hope, the world would have gone to pot long ago.

HERE is another paragraph from the same story:

Low Bid Submitted For Construction Of First BLM Road

Portland—(U.P.)—J. W. Briggs of Bend submitted the low bid of \$685,349.50 for construction of the first Bureau of Land Management timber access road in Oregon. W. H. Lynch, division engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, has announced.

The project, calling for construction of 11.63 miles of high standard logging road is located 18 miles east of Sweet Home along Quartzville creek, a tributary of the South Santiam river.

Roscoe E. Bell, regional administrator for the Bureau of Land Management, said the Quartzville project would be the first timber access road built into O & C or public domain timber by the federal government in the state.

The road will open a valuable stand of public and private timber, Bell said.

Users will pay the same per-thousand board foot road charge until the government's investment is regained, Bell said, regardless of ownership of the stumpage.

Oregon Capitol To Remain Open

Salem—(U.P.)—Your state capitol will be open again this summer on Sundays for the benefit of the thousands of tourists who make their annual trek to Oregon's seat of government.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said the Sunday openings will start on April 20 in conjunction with Salem's annual Cherry Blossom day. Through the winter the doors of the capitol were locked on Sunday.

On Cherry Blossom day, the Salem Cherrians, capital city booster group, will be on hand throughout the city to guide motorists over the famed cherry blossom route in Marion and Polk counties. They will also be on hand at the capitol to help show tourists around.

Navy Slates Inquiry On Cause of Sub Fire Philadelphia—(U.P.)—The Navy has announced that a board of inquiry would be named to determine the cause of an explosion and fire which injured 25 civilian workers and enlisted men aboard a submarine here Friday.

The blast occurred on the submarine Requin which recently docked at the Philadelphia naval base for conversion into a submarine radar picket boat. Spokesmen said the fire was quickly extinguished and damage was slight.

U. S. Deputy Marshal Nelson J. McCrary said the two boys stole \$1,400 from Chief Andrew's cache. Chief Andrew died January 21 and, according to custom, all of his possessions were placed outside of his house immediately after death.

McCrary said \$1,190 of the dead chief's stolen money had been recovered. An additional \$1,960 in old-fashioned, large-size bills was found in the cache. The boys left these because it would be difficult to pass them, McCrary said.

Copper Center is 210 miles east of Anchorage on the Copper river.

Mystery Shrouds Fate Of Norwegian Ships St. John's, Nfld.—(U.P.)—Mystery shrouded the fate of five Norwegian sealing ships and their 100 crewmen Saturday more than a week overdue in the Arctic Ocean.

The United States and Canadian air forces both planned searches but their planes were hampered by bad flying weather and a thick blanket of fog.

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