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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 21, 1942
(It was Tuesday)
Forty-one of remaining 200 CCC trainees at Camp Prescott near Medford sent to Louisiana for discharge.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: A citizen reports on a trip south he was served a piece of ham almost thick enough to see with the naked eye.

20 YEARS AGO
April 21, 1932
(It was Thursday)
Trade magazine survey shows Medford residents purchase largest amount of furniture per capita of any in city of Oregon.

Survey of Medford Junior high school students shows 94.8 per cent believe their classwork is "not too hard, not too easy, but about right."

30 YEARS AGO
April 21, 1922
(It was Friday)
Medford city officials start campaign for construction of public children's playground here.

Jackson county fair board of directors announces plan to construct buildings "of substantial character" at fairgrounds.

40 YEARS AGO
April 21, 1912
(It was Sunday)
Medford construction company starts grading of West 11th street in preparation for scheduled paving later in summer.

Medford electric company advises use of electric irons "to avoid excessive heat and noxious gases"; electric irons sell at \$2 each.

U of W Regents Name Spokane Man President
Seattle—(UPI)—Dr. Donald C. Corbett of Spokane is the new president of the University of Washington board of regents.

Dr. Corbett, who succeeds John L. King of Seattle, was named at a board meeting here Saturday. Grant Armstrong of Chehalis was appointed vice-president and John Spiller of Seattle, secretary.

CAR THEFT NABBED
State police in Roseburg yesterday arrested a 14-year-old Medford boy who was driving a stolen car, according to police headquarters here. The boy has been returned to Medford, and is being held for juvenile authorities.

Steps Taken To Protect Wild Animals From Public

Washington—(UPI)—The Interior Department is trying to protect the wild animals in our national parks from the "wild" American public and vice versa. One sample of such protection is the recent ban against tourists "feeding, touching, teasing or molesting bears, deer, moose, buffalo, bighorn (sheep), elk and antelope."

Fluoridation Depots

Fluoridation of the city water has been practiced for a year at Gearhart, Oregon, and in the experience of that beach resort town there may be a hint for parents who would like to provide drinking water so treated for their children. The Gearhart water superintendent, speaking at a League of Oregon Cities conference recently, said people from the neighboring towns of Astoria and Seaside go to Gearhart with large glass containers which they fill with the fluoridated water. The water, kept in the family refrigerators, is used by the children instead of the home tap supply.

WHY couldn't fluoridated water prepared under proper medical supervision be made available for drinking purposes in places where the entire city supply is not treated? Actual cost of adding one part of fluorine to 1,000,000 parts of water—the proportion commonly recommended—is said to be less than 20 cents a person per year. Initial cost of tanks and other equipment should not be prohibitive.

Such fluoridated water depots would avoid the squabbles which have developed in a number of places over whether or not to adopt fluoridation of city water supplies. Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, in an article in the March issue of the Oregon Health Bulletin, published by the State Board of Health, deplors the present widespread controversies and declares the situation has become pretty well obscured by a cloud of pseudo-scientific claims, half truths and unsupported statements.

Dr. Erickson, like practically all medical men, is in favor of fluoridation. He states that only after thorough, exhaustive study have such responsible organizations as the American Medical Association, American Dental Association, the U.S. Public Health Service, and the State and Territorial Health Officers' Association unreservedly endorsed fluoridation.

Similarly, he states, the Oregon State Medical Society, the Oregon Dental Association, the Oregon State Board of Health, and the board of the Portland Chamber of Commerce weighed the evidence very carefully before endorsing the procedure. In none of such studies, so far as he is aware, says Dr. Erickson, was any instance found where the use of fluorides, at the recommended strength resulted in the slightest injury to any user.

POINTING up the need for fluoridation, Dr. Demetrius Hadjimarkos, associate professor of dental research at Oregon State college, told dentists and health officials at a gathering in Salem last week that he had found a tremendous incidence of tooth decay during his recent examination of 5,000 pre-school and school age children in Marion and Polk counties. Dr. Hadjimarkos stated that this situation could be remedied by fluoridation if the addition of fluorine to drinking water has proved effective in reducing tooth decay in many sections of the United States.

BECAUSE of the prevailing controversies, the expense of equipment for treating city water supplies and the apathy which usually tends to delay adoption of public works improvements, it is probable that fluoridation may be some years in coming in most communities.

In the meanwhile, some effort might well be made, either public or private, to make fluoridated water available for children. Spring water is sold by the jug in many places in California and right here in the Medford area city water is hauled home for family consumption where farm or suburban wells or other sources are not all they should be. Obtaining a potable supply at a fluoridation depot would entail little more effort than many are now making to get pure water.—E.C.F.

New Airport Buildings

Eugene, like Medford has outgrown its airport housing facilities and also, like Medford, is preparing to build a new administration building. At its Mahlon Sweet airport, Eugene will erect a two-story structure which will have space for the Weather Bureau and Civil Aeronautics Administration and will be topped by a control tower. Bids will be called for early in June.

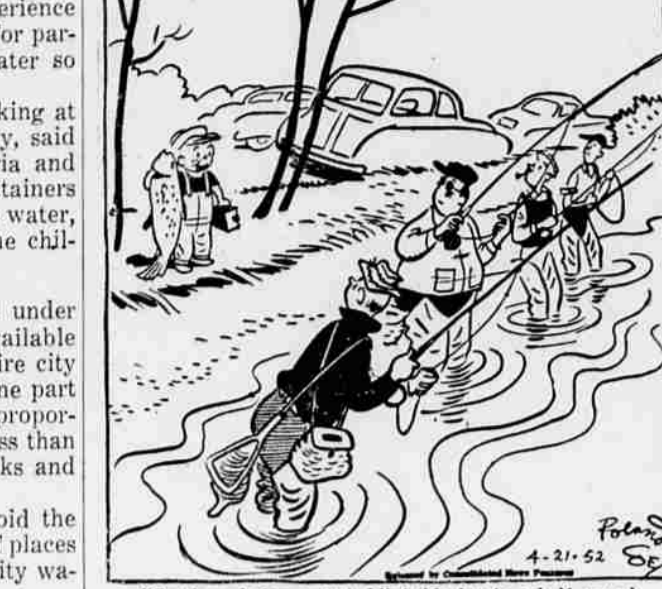
ACCORDING to the Eugene plans, additions may be made to the initial unit as future traffic increase and other factors may require.

Total cost of the Eugene building is estimated at \$71,290, the city paying \$31,400 and the federal government the balance.

Medford's structure will house the Weather Bureau, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, ticket and operating space for three air lines, the port manager's office and a restaurant. Because of the larger dimensions immediately required, the Medford building will cost approximately \$150,000, the city paying about \$66,000 and the government \$84,000.—E.C.F.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Getcher pitcher took holdin' this four'n a half pound trout for only four bits!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

MAKE SENSE IF YOU CAN
Washington—(UPI)—The following collection of facts, all of them of the most vital importance to every American in the street, suggests the insane confusion of the current defense picture.

ITEM: The Army has now tested and flown the first truly effective ground-to-air guided missile. It is relatively short in range. But it is super sonic. Its guidance system is sturdy and workable. It seeks and finds its target. In short, it represents an enormous leap forward in an enormously difficult art.

ITEM: The successful test of the new interceptor missile has considerably influenced thinking about our air defense problems. Other influences have been the development of radar capable of tracking low-flying attacking aircraft, and the formulation of plans for remote radar outposts to give very early warnings.

ITEM: This improved modern air defense is as yet no more than a gleam in the planner's eyes, however. Several wings of all-weather interceptors are needed for an effective air defense of this country, but we have as yet only a pitifully small number. The Joint Chiefs of Staff's coin-flipping system of allocating production priorities has placed this vital aircraft rather low on the list.

ITEM: The difficulties of air defense in the Soviet Union are considerably greater than they are here. Yet it has to be presumed that the Soviets, who captured an important group of German guided missile experts, have made the same progress in this art as we have. If the Soviets also possess an efficient intercepting missile, this must reduce the value of our strategic air force as a deterrent to aggression.

AT THE same time, intelligence estimates and informed scientific opinion agree that the Soviets are producing atomic weapons and building up their own strategic air force with unlooked-for speed. The experts have ceased to give their former soothing forecasts about the "time of danger," when the Kremlin will be able to deliver a crippling surprise attack in this country. They do not think the time has come yet, but they are no longer prepared to say it will not come fairly soon.

Intelligence studies also reveal a huge increase in armament outlays in the new Soviet budget. The American and British experts, who had hoped the Soviets had already reached their peak of cold wartime military effort, are deeply perturbed by this development with its obvious and far-reaching implications.

ITEM: Meanwhile, the Repub-

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ican isolationists and southern Democratic coalition in the House of Representatives has slashed to ribbons the American defense problem. In the Defense Department by the grim efforts of Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett, the Joint Chiefs' original "minimum" budget of \$71,000,000,000 had already been reduced to \$53,000,000,000. A further cut in the Lovett minimum had already been made by the President and the Budget Bureau.

APPROPRIATIONS that were therefore too low to carry forward our rearmament at the planned rate, were then sliced by 4.5 billion dollars in the House. In a final orgy of total irresponsibility, the House also ordered the Defense Department not to spend \$6,000,000,000 in previously appropriated funds, which are required to meet contract payments in the coming year. This simply means, of course, that build-up of urgently needed units, including air defense units, will have to be cancelled despite the heavy risk. And deliveries of even more urgently needed hardware will have to be refused, despite the enormous resulting waste.

If anyone can make sense out of the foregoing series of facts, he is a better man than these reporters. (Copyright, 1952, New York Herald Tribune Inc.)

News of 4-H CLUBS

Upper Rogue 4-H Dairy Club
Upper Rogue 4-H Dairy club met at the home of George Millard on April 14, at 7:30 p.m., with six members present. We discussed what kinds of feed that we should feed our animals.

Next meeting will be at the home of our leader, Grace Peile, on May 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The Busy Sewettes
The Busy Sewettes met at Shady Cove schoolhouse on April 17, at 4 p.m. Officers for the coming year are: President, Renae Hicks; vice-president, Nona Cobble; secretary, Joann Cooper, and reporter, Velma Peile.

Our leader, Marcelle Blackman, showed us how to make pin cushions, and needle cases. Next meeting will be at Shady Cove schoolhouse, on May 15, at 4 p.m.

Velma Peile, Reporter

The Grange

Central Point Grange
H.E.C. of Central Point Grange will hold its April meeting at the home of Mrs. W. I. Sutherland, Old Stage road on Wednesday, April 23, with a dessert luncheon at 1:30 p.m.

Hostesses for the afternoon will be Mary Taylor, Virginia Russell and Virida Ault. Roll call will be answered by the name of any county, state, or city official and their position. Virida Ault will have charge of the program.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

President Truman blew his top the other day over cuts of four to six billions of dollars that have been made (tentatively, at least) by the house of representatives in his defense fund requests.

Shaking his fist angrily, he charged that "congress is engaging in this fake economy wave so when they go home they can make a lot of stump SPEECHES TO TRY TO GET ELECTED."

HOLDING up his right arm with fist clenched, he added: "There's only one thing these congressmen understand, and that is this (politicking)." He went on to say that anybody who thinks slashes in the defense program are true economy ought to have his head examined. He concluded: "If I have to call a special turnip day session of congress every day between now and the first day of next January, we are going to get this THING DONE AND DONE RIGHT."

BEING thus bitten in the leg by the President, members of the house armed services committee bit right back, asserting that the slashes in the military budget merely eliminated Truman's wastes and excesses.

ISN'T that a pretty kettle of fish? I wonder if a great nation, assuming world leadership in a crisis in mankind's affairs, could get any sillier.

WHAT is the truth of the matter? I don't know, but I'm pretty certain that if congress and the President went about the job seriously and cooperatively they could squeeze six billion dollars out of our fantastically swollen federal expenditures without anybody ever missing it—except possibly a few minor bureaucrats and boondogglers who might lose their jobs as a result of the squeezing.

I'll bet we'd even be MORE EFFICIENT if we cut out our drunken spending and got down to the hard brass tacks of getting a dollar's worth of results for every dollar put out. Did you ever see an efficient wastrel?

I SOMETIMES wonder about these big corporations. Are they really as smart and super-efficient as they claim to be?

THAT crack is prompted by an AP dispatch relating that in 1951 Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors, earned a total (in bonuses and salary) of \$566,000. A company statement says the federal income tax on that amount would be approximately \$470,000.

Albert Bradley, executive vice-president and chairman of the finance policy committee, earned \$486,100. Harlow H. Curtiss, executive vice-president in charge of general staff activities, got \$471,200. Frederic G. Donner, vice-president in charge of finance, received \$391,395.

Taxes of these others must have bitten relatively as deeply as in the case of President Wilson.

THE AP dispatch adds that under General Motors' bonus plan 64 top executives and directors earned a total of \$10,880,415 last year.

MIND you, I'm not complaining about the size of the salaries and bonuses given to General Motors' top brass. Management EARNs ITS PAY the same as labor, and it is an accepted principle in business that the bigger the responsibility the bigger the pay. Labor recognizes that principle, just as management does. Top union officials get big pay and earn it by the responsibility they carry.

What I'm questioning is the plain horse-sense of paying huge salaries and bonuses to high-up corporation executives, who, after punting up to Uncle Sam, have only relatively small amounts left.

If that ten million dollars received by General Motors' 64 top executives and directors had been distributed out in the dividends to GM's 452,000 low-income tax brackets, the tax on it would have been far less. It had been cut in half, this upper echelon of GM management would still have received nice pay checks, of which a much larger share would have been take-home pay, the shareholders would have benefited, and the total tax would have been smaller.

THE answer, I suppose, is that GM saved a lot of taxes by

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 initials 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.

Union Men Are Slaves
To the Editor: We claim this is a free country. Is it? Can you call it a free country if it has a special privileged class, special privileged laws that apply to some people and not to others? John Lewis, Phillip Murray, and Harry Bridges talk about slave labor, under the Taft-Hartley law. Is that a fact?

I admit we do have special privilege laws, but they are all on the other foot. We have laws against conspiracy. Does that apply to labor? We have laws against coercion. Does that apply to labor strikes, and unions? We have laws against monopoly. Does that apply to labor unions?

Now what about liberty? A common laboring man that does NOT belong to a union can work for whom he pleases, and quit when he pleases. He can bargain for a wage and refuse to work if he does not get what he wants. He can start a competitive business of his own, or work for a competitor. He can choose any business or profession that he wants to, and change any time he wants to. He can own his own home, or rent one. He can move to any state, or even be a politician, and be elected president. In fact, he is the most independent man on earth.

A businessman has more than a dozen restraining laws, and professional men have quite a few. Businessmen cannot council together and agree on prices. He cannot employ or discharge a union man when he pleases. He cannot dictate hours of labor, or pay wages he chooses, employ minors, and many other restrictions. Especially if he employs union labor including collecting their dues.

The laboring man that joins a union is really a slave and in many cases a puppet, and obliged to do many things of which he does not approve. A country ruled by labor unions is in reality a slave state. These are plain facts. Think them over and know the truth. A union plumber must not drive a nail, or saw a board, but he must strike for Stalin if Harry Bridges tells him to.

I. C. Jones, 2325 Stewart Ave., Medford, Ore.

Who Will Pay?
To the Editor: President Truman seized the steel plants to avoid a shutdown. The labor unions were seeking higher wages. Will they get higher wages and by whom will they be paid—by the U. S. Government, or by the steel companies involved?

F.S.B. (Name on file)
Ed note: The wages when and if raised, will be paid by the steel company.

Editorial Comment

Senator Morse Praised
It's heartening, I think, that one of the statesmen who sensed the peril and acted quickly is Senator Wayne Morse, Republican, Oregon, a man whose pro-Truman, pro-labor record is almost unbroken. While many Democrats were embarrassedly looking the other way and many Republicans were industriously shouting "Dictator!", Morse got to work on a bill (S. 2999) which seems to make a lot of sense. The Morse bill, it's true, is one of those measures which piles a new "emergency board" on top of all the others. It calls for still another "fact finding" commission in labor disputes, as if we didn't have enough already. Even so, the Morse bill would prevent any more one-man plays by the president and would leave him no excuse for pulling "inherent powers" out of the air in cases like the recent steel

paying these high salaries and charging them to expense. That illustrates the screwball nature of our present economy.

Meet the Candidates

Editor's note: This is one of a series of statements furnished by candidates for local office in the primary election May 16. They are being published by The Mail Tribune as a free service to the candidates, and for the information of readers wishing to inform themselves of candidates' positions relative to their candidacy.

BY R. G. FOWLER
Republican for County Assessor



Twenty-nine years in Jackson county, 24 years as County Agricultural Agent, 3 1/2 years as field man for First National bank. Last year and one-half in real estate and appraisals. Long personal knowledge of property values both rural and urban. If elected will approach the duties of the office with an open mind. No obligations to any one. Will provide prompt, efficient service with courtesy and justice to every one concerned. Will make an honest endeavor to correct inequalities in assessments so that no property owner is penalized. Will maintain a public relations program, so that property owners may know what is going on in connection with the assessor's office.

Feel that my record of demonstrated ability and personal integrity warrants my election to this office.

strike. Morse, a former law school dean, rightly points out that we have no automatic safety-lock on dictatorship in this country. "No decision of the supreme court, no history to date," he says, "has clearly defined and delimited the emergency powers of the president."

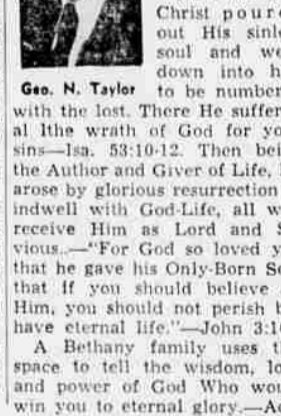
But a time has come when we must devise and test such a safety-lock. Mr. Truman's explosive nature has sounded this thunderous warning. —Holmes Alexander in The Oregonian.

Pay-Day Sure

"The wages of sin is death," said Christ and pay-day is sure. First is Judgment Day when the lost are judged. The books are opened and liars get their rewards; they who hold unclean thoughts theirs and so on. From Judgment they go on to the Lake of Fire—Rev. 20th.

At Calvary Christ poured out His sinless soul and went down into hell to be numbered with the lost. There He suffered all the wrath of God for our sins—Isa. 53:10-12. Then being the Author and Giver of Life, He arose by glorious resurrection to dwell with God-Life, all who receive Him as Lord and Saviors.—"For God so loved you that He gave His Only-Born Son, that if you should believe on Him, you should not perish but have eternal life."—John 3:16.

A Bethany family uses this space to tell the wisdom, love and power of God Who would win you to eternal glory.—Adv.



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