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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County Mail
Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years
ago.

10 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1942

(It was Thursday)
Medford leads state in per-
centage increase of building
during first quarter of 1942;
valuation up 26 per cent to \$81-
405.

From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: The drive
for defense metals is underway.
In going over the country with
a fine tooth comb, no doubt the
old German cannon in the city
park will escape, as usual.

20 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1922

(It was Saturday)
Rogue valley orchardists re-
portedly will receive drastic re-
ductions in costs of packing,
storage and transportation of
pears during 1922.

Most Jackson county voters
"apathetic" as primary election
nears; large number of inde-
pendent candidates expected to
enter campaign.

30 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1922

(It was Sunday)
Ashland businessmen endorse
development of large granite
quarry near that city; hope to in-
crease the \$20,000 in production
reached in 1921.

Medford woman painfully in-
jured following automobile ac-
cident when over her.

40 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1912

(It was Tuesday)
Long-time southern Oregon
miner reports rich strike of
gold-bearing quartz ore in Foothills
Creek district.

Medford postmaster an-
nounces start of Rural Route 3,
to serve some 2,000 residents in
nine-mile radius northwest of city.

Warren To Start Oregon Campaign In Portland May 5

Sacramento—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl
Warren of California said Tues-
day he will fly to Portland May
5 and remain in Oregon "prac-
tically all the time until May
16" in his bid for the state's 18
GOP presidential delegates.

Warren refused to be drawn
into a discussion of his chances
in the May 16 presidential pri-
mary.

"I don't predict campaigns or
their results," Warren said. "I'm
going up there to express my
views to the people of Oregon
and the result of the election will
represent their judgment, not
mine."

To Portland First
Warren said he would go to
Portland first for conferences
with his state chairman and others.
He said he expected to make
Portland his headquarters for the
campaign swing. He indicated he
expected his tour would be inter-
rupted a few times at least by
California business.

Warren will leave Sacramento
Wednesday en route to a forum
to be held by the league of wo-
men voters in Cincinnati, O.,
May 1.

A Needed Protection

About every so often one reads of a house or other
structure burning while fire fighting crews and ap-
paratus stood helplessly by a short distance away, un-
able to get into action because of laws and insurance
regulations which forbid going out of a certain pre-
scribed radius.

Only a short time ago a disabled war veteran, his
wife and three small children watched their home
and all its contents burn near Eugene. There was no
insurance, and no provision had been made in that
area for such protection as may be obtained through
organization of a fire district, or contract with an es-
tablished city fire department.

Neighbors and others attracted by the blaze were
indignant because neither the Eugene or Springfield
fire departments would come to the aid of the war
veteran.

.....
THERE have been similar instances in the Medford
region and after each such loss there has been
talk for a time of organizing a fire district or making
other arrangement for protection. Unfortunately,
the talk has eventually died down, the good intentions
have been forgotten and nothing done.

Of late, however, a concerted movement has got-
ten under way in the Medford, Central Point and
Jacksonville areas to set up fire districts, obtain
equipment and organize manpower sufficient to guar-
antee that no home within the defined boundaries
will be without protection when, and if, the fire de-
mon strikes.

.....
WHILE there are some legal technicalities involved
in setting up such districts, technicalities and
problems which require some planning and work to
resolve, the actual operation of a fire district is not
complicated once it is organized.

The City of Rogue River is the base of such a fire
district and the efficiency and enthusiasm shown by
the volunteers and the residents in general there
should serve to spark like action by other valley
dwellers.

.....
MORE and more homes are being built outside the
boundaries of the cities and towns of Jackson
county for suburban and rural life holds many at-
tractions. But there is always that fear of fire. And
the fear is well founded for the records show that
once a dwelling catches fire there can be little hope
of saving it with such facilities as may be at hand in
the country.

Not only can well organized and equipped rural
fire fighting units take away grim fear, they also
serve to bring a substantial reduction in insurance
rates within the area under protection.—E.C.F.

Welcome Word

The word from Washington that Secretary of the
Interior Oscar Chapman has promised to consider
the Grants Pass Irrigation district's application for
federal funds for the rehabilitation of Savage Rapids
dam will be received with thanksgiving along the
upper reaches of the famed Rogue river.

Secretary Chapman's pledge was given to Victor
Boehl and William F. Johnson, irrigation board chair-
man and attorney, respectively, who went to the cap-
ital last week to request a loan of \$668,000 from the
government. The money would be used to repair the
dam, the north wall of which has been undermined
by the rushing water, and the hydraulic-gate system,
which has been practically out of business for some
time.

.....
APPLICATION has also been made for \$207,000
of non-reimbursable federal funds to finance in-
stallation of traveling turbine-intake screens at the
dam as a fish-conservation measure.

Chairman Boehl, in telephoning word of Chap-
man's promise, emphasized that the latter had agreed
to consideration of the application as a specific project
only. This is considered an important step as it
makes early action possible.

Boehl explained that if the dam rehabilitation
project were to be made a part of any reclamation
or federal power project, a delay of several years
might be anticipated even though action eventually
was favorable.

.....
THERE is urgent need for repairs at Savage Rapids
and it is to be hoped that the interior secretary
will not delay his consideration and decision on the
loan.

Upper river dwellers are especially interested in
the possibility that something may be done about
screening the dam's big turbine intakes. There has
been heavy loss of fish life in this machinery over a
long period, surveys have shown, and the gradual dis-
appearance of fish from the Rogue's higher reaches
must be considered as due, at least in part, to the ob-
struction.—E.C.F.

School Fund Money Distributed Monday

The last installment of the \$10
school allocation fund per cen-
t pupil for the fiscal year was
distributed Monday by the Jack-
son county school superintendent's
office.

It was the third installment
this year, employees in the of-
fice reported, and totalled \$37-

\$10 FIDDLE REAL THING
Hico, Tex.—(U.P.)—J. B. Ratliff,
a grover who bought a violin
19 years ago for \$10, has been
told that it is an authentic Stra-
divarius. The instrument, bearing
a Stradivarius signature and
dated 1716, was pronounced au-
thentic at a violin shop where
it was taken for repairs.

HE'S AGIN' EM
New Britain, Conn.—(U.P.)—
Wallace Bacon, 78, asked that
his name be stricken from the
ballot list because "women and
foreigners vote and run the
country."

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"My wife says she'll start economizing when I do!"

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Bulletin from Washington:
General Ridgway, now in the
Far East, succeeds General Eisen-
hower as top commander in Eu-
rope. General Mark Clark, now
commander of army field forces at
Fort Monroe, Virginia, suc-
ceeds General Ridgway as top
commander in Asia.

HOWS this — as a tip for us
voters:
Let's follow the same prin-
ciple and put BRAND NEW
FACES in all the federal civilian
jobs at home.

POLITICAL oddity:
The federal government is
reaching avidly for control of
EVERYTHING BUT DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME. If it is to work,
with even reasonable satisfac-
tion for ALL of us, "daylight-
saving" time must be NA-
TIONAL in its scope. If we are
to monkey with the clocks at all,
we should monkey with ALL the
clocks.

But the federal government
clearly wants no part of daylight
"saving" time.

That's modern politics for you.

SPEAKING of time, Lee Wheel-
er tells me that without count-
ing leap years or allowing for in-
terest it would take us 494 years,
122 days, one hour and 20 min-
utes to pay off our national debt
of 260 billion dollars at the rate
of \$1,000 every minute.

Now, if somebody will give us
the odd seconds, we'll have the
subject squeezed fairly dry.

A THOUSAND dollars every
minute sounds like a lot of
money. It is a lot of money. It's
nearly a million and a half dol-
lars every day. In a 364-day year,
it's somewhat more than half a
billion dollars—which is another
way of saying it's better than a
billion dollars every two years.
Our present federal administra-
tion proposes a budget of 85 bil-
lion dollars in ONE YEAR.

This is the point:
Our federal GOVERNMENT
OF SPENDERS tosses billions
around as carelessly as our fed-
eral governments of only a few
decades ago would have handled
PENNIES.

I think it's high time for us

to get a federal government that
has more respect for a billion
dollars.

FROM Ottawa, Canada:
Queen Juliana and her hus-
band, Prince Bernhard, flew
home to The Netherlands Satur-
day night after a four-week tour
of the United States and Canada.

WAS Juliana's trip a good idea?
I think so. She seems a sen-
sible woman and Bernhard ap-
pears to be a level-headed con-
sultant. In her four weeks over here,
she had time to see common, or-
dinary Americans (Canadians are
North Americans, too, you know)
in action. I'll bet she found them
QUITE DIFFERENT from the
OFFICIAL Americans that for-
eigners normally meet.
I'll bet she goes home with a
new and better and pleasanter
and more reassuring impression
of America and I'll bet also she
goes home LIKING AMERI-
CANS BETTER. It's too bad
more foreigners can't get over
here oftener and stay long
enough to know the people that
are the REAL America.

FOR that matter, it's too bad
we can't get abroad oftener
enough and stay long enough to
get to know the REAL people of
other countries. If we could, I'll
bet we'd quit thinking of them as
"foreigners."

FROM Washington:
Figured in MINUTES, here is
the time needed in each country
to earn enough to buy one pound
of each of the following products:

	U.S.	Russia
Tea	49	960
Beef	31	132
Butter	30	270
Potatoes	2	56
Bread	6	14

SOMETHING to think about:
In Communist Russia, the gov-
ernment for the past three dec-
ades has been handling ALL LA-
BOR MATTERS, including rates of
pay, which the government
sets, and strikes, WHICH THE
GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA
DON'T PERMIT.

The table shows rather star-
tlingly what happens to labor
when GOVERNMENT RUNS
EVERYTHING.

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What Goes on at the Capital
Furnished by Congressional Quarterly News Features

Q—What's the justification
for giving fliers and submarine
crewmembers extra pay?

A—Air Force officials April
16 told a Senate Subcommittee
studying incentive military pay
that it was needed to keep qual-
ified pilots, and a Navy spokes-
man made the same argument
for flight, submarine and diving
pay. But Sen. Paul H. Douglas,
D-Ill., pointed out that infantry-
men fight in front lines with-
out it.

Q—Why was the House asked
to consider impeaching the Presi-
dent?

A—In a resolution April 22
that was referred to the House
Rules Committee, Rep. Robert
Hale, R-Me., said the Committee
should investigate President Tru-
man's seizure of the steel plants
and report to the House with an
impeachment proposal "or other
recommendation as it deems
proper." Hale said the Presi-
dent's action was "an assault on
the Constitution of the United
States."

Q—How does impeachment
work?

A—Impeachment is basically
an accusation for "Treason, Bri-
bery or other high Crimes and
Misdemeanors." Only the House
can impeach, and only the Sen-
ate can try the person impeach-
ed. Conviction requires a two-
thirds vote of the Senators pres-
ent and can bring removal from
office and disqualification from
future office. Andrew Johnson,
the only President impeached,
was acquitted by the Senate
May 26, 1868.

Q—Why did a ban on spend-
ing any federal money for seiz-
ing steel plants fail to pass the
Senate even though most Sena-
tors voted for it?

A—The ban, offered by Sen.
William F. Knowland, R-Calif.,
as an amendment to a \$960 mil-
lion stop-gap money bill, would
apply to all money bills. A
blanket rider of that kind can
pass only on suspension of the
rules, which requires a two-
thirds vote of those present. The
47-29 vote April 22 was four
short of that mark.

Q—What puzzles me is the
way Congress continues to stay
in session at the same time its
members are running for re-
election back home. How do they
do it?

A—The dilemma bothers Con-
gressmen, too. Rep. Usher L.
Burdick, R-N.D., predicting
April 17 that Congress might not
adjourn until September, said
this means "rough going for Co-
gressmen who have primaries in

May or June. If we abandon our
work . . . people at home will
want to know what we are doing
back there . . . If we don't go
home, many people will think
we don't want to be elected."
(North Dakota's primary is June
24.)

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FDR, Willkie Planned Merger of Liberal Demo, GOP Elements

Philadelphia—(U.P.)—Franklin
D. Roosevelt and Wendell L.
Willkie made tentative plans be-
fore their deaths to merge the
liberal elements of the Demo-
cratic and Republican parties in
a re-alignment of the two major
parties, Roosevelt Adviser Sam-
uel I. Rosenman revealed Wed-
nesday.

In Secret Meeting
Rosenman said he had repre-
sented Roosevelt in a secret
meeting with Willkie on the sub-
ject on July 5, 1944, and quoted
subsequent correspondence be-
tween the President and the one-
time Republican presidential
nominee.

He told of the Roosevelt-Will-
kie plans in an article in the
May issue of the Ladies Home
Journal.

Both men were enthusiastic

about the possibility of bringing
together the progressive ele-
ments they represented in a sin-
gle party free of the intra-party
strife between conservatives and
liberals, Rosenman said.

Meeting Postponed
At Willkie's insistence, he
said, a meeting between the two
men was postponed until after
the 1944 presidential election.
Willkie died in October. Roose-
velt was dead within the year.

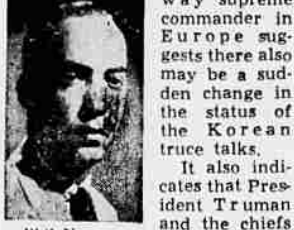
Rosenman's article was made
up of excerpts from his forth-
coming book, "Working with
Roosevelt."

The former New York Su-
preme Court justice was counsel
to Roosevelt when he was gov-
ernor of New York and remained
a close adviser and speech-writ-
ing "ghost" until Roosevelt's
death.

Transfer of Ridgway Indicates Change in Truce Talk Status

By PHIL NEWSOM

United Press Foreign Analyst—
The sudden change which
makes Gen. Matthew B. Ridg-
way supreme commander in
Europe suggests there also may
be a sudden change in the status
of the Korean truce talks.



Phil Newsom of staff expect

no outbreak of general war in
the Orient, and that defense of
Europe continues to be No. 1 on
this country's foreign agenda.

With Gen. Dwight D. Eisen-
hower's return home to cam-
paign for the Republican presi-
dential nomination, Ridgway will
become this nation's foremost
soldier-representative abroad.

The change in the Korean sit-
uation, if there is to be one, need
not necessarily result in an armis-
tice.

Reds Building Strength
Ridgway's Tokyo headquarters
warned the first of this week
that the Reds have taken ad-
vantage of the lull in Korean
fighting to build up their ground
forces to more than 750,000 men.
They have a powerful air arm
of some 1,500 airplanes based
in Manchuria and they have in-
creased their frontline artillery
so that in some sectors they some-
times fire more rounds per day
than we do. Their artillery in-
cludes rocket launchers.

However, there have been no
signs so far that the Reds in-
tend to launch a spring offensive
such as they did at this time last
year.

In any event, Gen. James A.
Van Fleet still commands the
8th Army, and in trading Gen.
Mark Clark for Ridgway the
Allies are not losing in battle ex-
perience.

Considerable Bearing Seen
It could be that Japan's return
to independence is having a con-
siderable bearing on the future
of the truce talks.

The U. N.'s offer of a "pac-
age" deal to the Reds to settle
the last three remaining issues
of the negotiations could be a
last attempt on our part to reach
a settlement before new com-
plications set in.

For instance, under the Japane-
se occupation, Ridgway was
the man in charge. He not only
ran the Korean war but he ran
Japan as well. He could dictate
what Japanese ports and bases
would be used as staging areas
for troops and supplies enroute
to the war. He also could dictate
what portions of Japanese indus-
try would be utilized to manu-
facture war supplies. He had a
State Department adviser but,
theoretically at least, Ridgway
dictated the final answer.

Problem Complicated
Now Japan is a free nation and
the military have given way to
the State Department.

For Russia the problem is
even more complicated.

Separate treaties have given
us the continued use of Japanese
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Meet the Candidates

Editor's note: This is one of
a series of statements furnish-
ed by candidates for local of-
fice in the primary election
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of readers wishing to inform
themselves of candidates' po-
sitions relative to their candi-
dacy.

BY ROBERT W. ROOT
Republican, for State
Representative

I was born in Jackson County
36 years ago, educated in the
Medford public schools, attended



ROBERT W. ROOT

Southern Oregon College and
was graduated from Oregon
State College. I am a veteran
of World War II with four years
service. I am married and have
three small children. I am an
orchardist, farmer and cattle-
raiser.

At the last session of the legis-
lature, I served Jackson County
as one of its two representatives,
with appointments to the High-
way and Labor and Industries
Committees, and was Vice-Chair-
man of the Committee on Agri-
culture. At the present I repre-
sent Southwestern Oregon on the
Interim Legislative Highway
committee which has been study-
ing all legislation affecting high-
ways, such as taxes, load limits
and fines for the last ten months.

I believe that my legislative
experience plus a knowledge of
many of the problems of this
area will enable me to do a good
job for the people of Jackson
County. I am not bound by prom-
ises to anyone, but will serve all
the people of Jackson County.
Seniority in legislative service
will assure me of better commit-
tee appointments, thus giving
Jackson County a stronger voice
in the affairs of the State of
Oregon.

HIS VIEWS FIXED
Hastings, Neb.—(U.P.)—A Frank-
lin County school teacher likes
to tell about the quiet, shy
youngster in her room whose
family had some firm political
views. The teacher was astonish-
ed to see the shy youngster push
a playmate to the ground, ad-
minister a last blow and then
say vehemently, "Never call me
a Democrat again."

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