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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
May 2, 1942
(It was Sunday)

Medford city officials report start of construction of Camp White has brought city's population to more than 16,000, compared with 1940 census of 11,281.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Gasoline is being rationed in these parts but there is still enough for lively wrecks and fender bustings.

20 YEARS AGO
May 2, 1932
(It was Tuesday)

Woman claiming to be secret service Operative SMS-36 creates bedlam in county jail by throwing chairs at the walls and screaming.

Final tabulation of Literary Digest's "Prohibition Poll" shows residents of 46 states favor repeal; Kansas and North Carolina only states voting "dry."

30 YEARS AGO
May 2, 1922
(It was Wednesday)

Final Jackson county voter registration figures for 1922 show 7,948 Republicans, 2,674 Democrats, 133 Socialists and 94 Prohibitionists.

Five members of Medford American Legion post resign when organization fails to condemn "law violations" by Ku Klux Klan.

40 YEARS AGO
May 2, 1912
(It was Friday)

Members of Medford Suffrage club banned from using city library for meetings; women plan to fight library board decision.

Beef prices reach "highest level ever known in the northwest"; prime steers wholesale in local markets at 12 cents a pound.

Safeway Employees Attend Annual Dinner

Medford Safeway store employees were in Klamath Falls last evening for a Safeway Stores Employees association annual banquet at the Willard hotel. Other employees of the stores association from Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Grants Pass also attended as well as husbands and wives of the employees. About 50 persons from Medford made the trip.

Talent provided by the employees from the various stores furnished entertainment. Medford Bartlett street store employees won third prize in the show for their interpretation of the "Shooting of Dan McGrew." T. C. Carter is manager of the store. Joe Sheridan, manager of the West Main street store here, was elected president of the association. Harold Johnson, district manager of Safeway with headquarters here, and Mrs. Johnson, attended.

LONG WAY AROUND

Owosso, Mich. —(U.P.)— James Hert, 40, fainted while operating a crane on a $700,000 addition to Memorial Haspital. A fellow worker, forgetting the hospital was only 100 ft. away, telephoned into town for an ambulance. By the time it arrived, Hert had been carried in the hospital, given an examination and was discharged.

Home Ec Extension Week

This is National Home Demonstration week and for the 14,500 Oregon women enrolled in the work the period—April 27 to May 3—has special significance for it also marks the 34th anniversary of the home extension program in Oregon. A principal feature of the anniversary observance in Jackson county will be the Homemakers' Festival to be staged in the Central Point Grange hall on Wednesday, May 7.

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THROUGH the Home Extension Service thousands of Oregon women have learned and are learning how to improve family health, comfort and happiness, how to become better informed and active citizens and how to impart their knowledge and skills to the younger generation.

Members make their homes more convenient places in which to work and live. They learn how to prepare nutritious, economical and attractive meals, how to sew and do other useful and interesting things. Last year, in Oregon, they made more than 3400 dresses, suits, coats, and children's garments, and reupholstered and refinished hundreds of pieces of furniture.

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WITHIN their communities, extension unit members sponsor health measures, school lunch programs, libraries, and beautification projects. Working together through the Oregon Home Economics Extension council, they have initiated a dental research project on children's teeth, and have financed the building of a women's cooperative dormitory on the Oregon State College campus.

Many of the 650 members in the 23 active units in Jackson county are helping to train 4-H girls and boys, acting as leaders and advisors.

Besides all the other benefits, many women find membership in extension units brings new friendships and pleasant social contacts.

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THROUGH the home extension's affiliation with the Associated Country Women of the World there is interest in and study of the United Nations and support for the exchange of students and visitors between the various free countries. One of our own county members, Mrs. R. E. Carley of Sams Valley was a delegate from Oregon to the association's international meeting in Copenhagen last year.

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HOMEMAKERS active in extension work take seriously the organization's motto—"Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World"—and in a very practical way they are doing what they can to promote a strong family life, stress family responsibility and build character. What can be more important?

On this 34th anniversary of their organization in Oregon we are glad to extend felicitations and best wishes for many more and equally fruitful years.

—E.C.F.

Where Smashups Occur

What type of road, and what weather conditions are the most conducive to traffic mishaps in Oregon?

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MOST of us think of narrow, slippery, or curve-filled highways as the most hazardous. And they are danger points, but such stretches are not where most of the accidents occur—at least according to Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry whose office keeps a check on traffic smashups.

A straight, level highway as dry as the proverbial bone offers more danger for this state's drivers than any other road condition, declares the secretary of state, and he has the figures to prove it.

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IN 1951, he says, well over half of all reported smashups and almost three-fourths of all fatal accidents occurred when the highway surface was dry.

More than 25,000 accidents took place on a straight level roadway. Slightly more than 6,000 of these accidents were at rural locations, as compared with 19,196 in urban areas, but 144 fatal accidents occurred on straight highways in rural areas as against 41 in cities and towns.

All of which adds up to the fact that on hazard-filled roads drivers slow down and use caution while on the straightaways they are more inclined to "step on 'er," with all too often tragic results.

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IN VIRGINIA automatic light signals are being tried out on bad curves. "Detectors" are imbedded in the highways approaching perilous spots. Cars traveling at 25 miles an hour or less cause a green light to come on; at higher speed a red light gives its warning to the drivers.

Maybe Virginia drivers need to be warned of hazards ahead. In Oregon the need is for warning against straight, level highways which invite too much speed.—E.C.F.

Roseburg Hotel Added To Arnsberg Holdings

Roseburg, Ore.—(U.P.)—Asa I. Arnsberg, owner of the Park Avenue hotel in Portland and the Medford hotel in Medford, has added the Umpqua hotel at Roseburg to his holdings, it was reported Friday.

The 115-room hostelry was purchased from J. A. Harding for more than $450,000. The five-story structure is the largest hotel in Roseburg.

Harding plans to retire and move to Portland. He has owned the Umpqua since 1926.

DETROIT GROWING

Detroit—(U.P.)—A record total of 55,632 babies were born in Detroit in 1951. There were 1,500 more boys than girls.

Three Bus Lines Set May 8 as Strike Date

Portland —(U.P.)— Spokesmen for union bus drivers, shopmen and ticket sellers for three bus lines said Friday union members will strike May 8 unless their demands are met.

The bus lines involved are Oregon Motor Stages, Northwest Greyhound and Overland Greyhound.

Affiliated with the AFL Motor Coach Employes union, the Bus personnel want their six-day work week reduced to five with no cut in pay, plus a cost-of-living increase clause.

The union has been on strike against Pacific Greyhound lines for several weeks.

Deadline Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe

"If you get into a game, try and win back a small portion of what all that fishing equipment cost."

Babson Discusses His Youth

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass., May 2. (Special to Mail Tribune)—We read much in the newspapers these days about the need of America to undergo a moral rejuvenation. In this column I have tried repeatedly to give suggestions as to how to bring this about. I have suggested religion, ethics, education, thrift and a closer attention to land ownership as some of the remedies. Today, I shall attempt to go further into the "grass roots" of the problem.

Roger W. Babson

About the turn of the century a great sociologist named Charles Horton Cooley coined a new word: "Socius." This man said that you could look at any man from two points of view: (1) As a member of his social group; or (2) you can look at any man as an individual apart from his group, or as a "rugged individualist."

The "Socius" is what politicians and labor leaders want all men to be. If they can submerge individuality, they will then be able to achieve their goals. This explains why the Russians are working so had to develop collective farms. The independent farmer thinks too much, as an individual, to fit into the Russian purposes. This also applies to Chinese farmers who own their farms, but not to "renters."

American Democracy Came From Discussions

In the "horse-and-buggy" era of our history the rugged individual rarely, if ever, let his own private convictions be submerged by the group judgment of a committee, board of directors, or political party. He believed that "one with God is a majority." He discussed his ideas with other rugged "grass-root" individuals. Democracy in America came from long hours of "cracker-barrel" discussions in country stores and homes far from city influences. Thinking requires quiet.

Few people can think out problems when their ears and eyes are distracted by radios and televisions. However helpful for quick communication these modern mechanisms may be, the danger always can be that politicians or some selfish group will dish up over them predigested dangerous ideas and propaganda that they want us to believe.

Little Red School Houses Symbol of Great Value

The Little Red School House was a symbol of what was of great value. When it vanished in most communities and was replaced by the consolidated school, that change marked the turn from an old to a new epoch. What is the significance of this symbol, the Little Red School House?

The farmer boy's daily education began in the early dawn, doing his chores—taking food and water to the animals, handling machinery, planting, growing or harvesting crops. When emergencies arose, he had to be alert to cope with them, which developed ingenuity and reasoning. By such training he also developed honesty, common sense and industry. Farm chores give real education, impossible from books.

After breakfast, this lad was not bundled into a bus to be driven to some central school, often located many miles away. Instead, as a rule, he walked to his school. That walk did his body good. If he had to buck a blizzard, resistance to the storm gave strength of will.

At school, our farmer lad found himself largely on his own and was compelled to dig out most of the facts under the rule "God helps them that help themselves." At noon he could indulge in "extra-curricular" activities, such as "baseball," "cross tag" or "pull away." During his long walk home, he had opportunity to mull over and retain what he had learned. After supper he did his homework which "educators" now are talking of giving up.

Pendulum of Life Swings Too Far

The Little Red School House made for just the opposite of what we today call "Red." It was an institution that gave America its best great men, strong and fearless—yes, rugged individuals. The pendulum of civilized life has swung too far away in opposite soft direction. It needs to swing more the way I have described.

As a step in this direction encourage your boy to plant a vegetable garden this spring. Urge him to care for the garden and market the product. Let him bank any money he may make from the sale of the garden products to you or elsewhere. A garden, next to the Red School House, is a great character builder.

Big May Day Show Seen as Satisfying To Stalin, Cohorts

By PHIL NEWSOM
United Press Foreign Analyst

Josef Stalin and his Red lieutenants must have viewed their May Day celebrations with considerable satisfaction.

Phil Newsom

At 10 a. m. (Moscow time) Thursday the daylong procession past the reviewing stand atop Lenin's tomb began. It was at once a tribute to Soviet might,, to these men who have shown the most sheer cussedness and the greatest ability at the double-X since Cain and Abel.

Around the world, Communists and fellow-travellers paraded, demonstrated or rioted in tribute to the master-planners' slogan:

"Divide and conquer."

Stalin and his men could tell themselves in some 35 years they had reached the point where they controlled the destiny of approximately 1,000,000,000 people, or more than a third of the earth's population.

Rest of World Scrambles

Russia itself occupies more than one-seventh of the land surface of the globe—surpassed in world history only by the British empire at its peak.

Aside from the peoples and land already under the Hammer and Sickle, most of the rest of the world, including the United States, is scrambling to stay out of its grasp.

And yet, it is better to take warning from the May Day parade of Red might, rather than to look hopefully toward its head at a man who is 72 years old, who has been its guiding genius and who from the age factor alone might not be expected to be around too long.

Health Apparently Good

Stalin, the man who proudly records seven arrests by Czarist police and seven escapes, apparently is in excellent health and intends to stay that w y.

It is said that not one bottle of wine reaches his lips without being checked and rechecked and that all his meals are cooked under the supervision of two chefs.

He works a long day, breaking it up with a nap, except for about three months of the year between September and December when he goes to the Caucasian Black Sea Coast on the border of his native Georgia.

Stalin is one of the most powerful men on earth, but he takes advice from other members of the politburo and shares responsibility with them. His death is not expected to produce a major crisis inside the Soviet state.

In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

From Berlin:

Two Russian jet fighters attacked an Air France commercial airliner with cannon and machine gun fire in the allied air corridor over the Soviet zone today. Two German passengers were wounded and two crew members (French) were nicked by bullets.

None of the passengers or crewmen was an American.

TRIGGER-HAPPY Soviet pilots?

I doubt it. Members of the Russian armed forces who do something the Kremlin doesn't want done seldom live long.

There was some purpose behind it. What purpose? That I wouldn't know. But the Russians are gunning to break Western Germany loose from our side. They might figure that shooting at a French plane wouldn't be unpopular with Germans, who are hereditary enemies of the French.

Time will tell—maybe.

ABOARD the USSS Boxer off Korea:

A cool sailor averted possible tragedy aboard this aircraft carrier the other day by sticking his finger in the mechanism of a live bomb to keep it from exploding.

The bomb jarred loose from a returning jet fighter and went bouncing and sliding up the carrier's deck. The arming propeller on its nose spun ominously. Ralph O'Dell, aviation ordnanceman, rushed up, jabbed his finger into the space between the striking pin and the fuse body to prevent discharge and held it there until the bomb had been carried to one side.

Then he slipped a piece of wood into the mechanism and calmly removed the fuse.

THAT'S quick and accurate thinking. We need more of it in this hair-trigger world.

HERE'S one from Leghorn, Italy:

People here are saying a thirsty American in the middle of a desert would probably stub his toe on a bottle of champagne. "They're just THAT LUCKY," the populace is saying.

How come?

The U. S. arm supply port command needed water. Water is so scarce in Leghorn that it is rationed even for drinking purposes. The Communist city council refused to allow an adequate supply for the Americans.

So the army engineers DUG A WELL. At 170 feet they struck a supply yielding 1,000 quarts a minute. The doctors analyzed it and found it was a healthy mineral water of a kind that sells in Italy for 20 CENTS A BOTTLE!

LUCKY?

Heck ,no! The Americans just had the wits to DIG for the water they needed. Quick wits, horse sense and WILLINGNESS TO DIG have made America what it is.

BY THE way—

That crack about thirsty Americans in the middle of a desert being so lucky they'd find a bottle of champagne is horsefeathers. When Americans are thirsty, they're sensible enough to WANT WATER.

They use champagne for celebration purposes only.

M. L. JOHNSON sends me a clipping of an editorial in the SF Chronicle dealing with rapidly rising costs of automobile insurance and why. The Chronicle says:

"The increase in the cost of driving an automobile resulting in the (recent) hike in insurance costs adds to almost everyone's cost of living, but this is one case of inflation in which the victim can blame nobody but himself.

"Insurance rates are determined by the way drivers drive automobiles and the way juries award damages for injuries in accidents."

M. L. SAYS: "I am just bringing this to your attention for whatever you may see fit to say about it."

Well, here goes:

When people drive carelessly and bash fenders and collect from the insurance company, or when juries award excessive damages on the theory that the insurance company pays it anyway so who cares, it isn't a case of GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. Insurance is based on the wise principle of spreading the loss among a LOT OF PEOPLE instead of forcing one poor devil to bear it alone. When losses get too numerous, the cost of insurance goes up.

Keep this in mind:

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

FROST DAMAGE TOLD

Seattle—(U.P.)—Some frost damage was suffered by strawberry, raspberry and blackberry crops in the state as a result of the recent cold weather, the Washington agricultural department reported Thursday.

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.

Agrees on Time

To the Editor: I agree with the letter published in The Mail Tribune on April 29 from Lucille Hays Scott. I can't see any excuse for the mixup in time as it is here now. Let us all unite on the principle of what is best for the most people and not some special group. Enough said.

Henry Currier,
111 Newtown Street,
Medford, Ore.

Governor Upheld

To the Editor: The majority of those favoring standard time will not have opportunity to express opinions on a tape recorder, on the radio, or to the city council, nor be approached to sign a petition to be sent to the governor requesting him to reverse his decision on DST.

The squawks are so loud from those who object to our governor's proclamation they give the impression nearly every one wants DST.

The fact is the results of the election two years ago showed very plainly the large majority of the population in Jackson county and the state favored Standard Time, and also gave the governor power to decide and act as he thought best.

We have our neighboring state north which is not strictly on DST. And what about our neighboring state on the east? Let's be fair, consider others point of view. Those who favor Standard Time have given some very good reasons why they do and evidently Gov. McKay agrees.

Recreation is not the only important matter to consider. For instance, the school children who will be standing along the country roads in the dark next fall waiting for a school bus if we change to DST.

Arise earlier if you like, change your working hours. But it's not necessary to change the clocks, and attempt to regulate the lives of every one. Too much regulation now, most people will agree.

Let's do write our Gov. McKay and thank him for doing his duty as he sees it, in spite of all the pressure brought to bear on him.

Mrs. Gertrude Lewin,
Rt. 1, Box 280
Eagle Point, Oregon,
via Shady Cove.

Basin Residents Must Hold Decision Power

Seattle— (U.P.) —People living in the Columbia basin must continue to hold the power to make decisions concerning development of the region, according to Gov. Arthur Langlie.

In a speech to the annual convention of the American Public Power Association, Langlie said:

"I am not one who says the federal government has no place in development of the Columbia river or region, but I want the power to make decisions to remain in the hands of the people of the region.

"There is no reason why local, state and federal representatives cannot work together in the interest of the people."

CAT IN ENGINE

New London, Conn.—(U.P.)—A local woman complained about her car purring. A mechanic took the car on a test drive but couldn't spot the trouble until he opened the hood. A large cat leaped out.

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 RALPH E. SWEENEY
Democrat, for County Treasurer

In submitting my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, Jackson county is assured the benefit of over forty years training and experience in office detail in the administration of the office.

RALPH E. SWEENEY

The large growth of our county the past few years has resulted in an increase in the operating detail of the office. My years of training and experience has enabled me to maintain the high standard of efficiency I have set with the same office force (2) as in years past, thus saving the expense of hiring additional help. This is well worth the consideration of the taxpayers.

Your consideration of these qualifications is respectfully solicited, and your support will be deeply appreciated.

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