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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 16, 1942

(It was Saturday)
Floyd K. Dover, Grants Pass, concedes Democratic nomination of Edward Kelly, Medford, as candidate for congress from fourth congressional district; only 18 per cent of county's registered voters cast ballots.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The people poured out to vote to a man Friday, excepting, of course, about 10,000 souls of both sexes.

20 YEARS AGO May 16, 1922

(It was Monday)
County Assessor J. B. Coleman states that the 1932 primary election "is the first in Jackson county in which I cannot predict that any one candidate is a likely winner."

George Coddling, candidate for reelection as Jackson county district attorney, denies that he has refused to issue warrants on valid complaints; states "it is the policy of my office to conduct investigations before putting the county to the expense of trials."

30 YEARS AGO May 16, 1922

(It was Tuesday)
Oregon Governor Ben Olcott charges Ku Klux Klan backing for his opponent in primary election shows "blind fanaticism, secret conspiracies and cowardly, hidden hatreds."

40 YEARS AGO May 16, 1912

Oregon backers for William Howard Taft claim his renomination as Republican party's candidate for president is assured; state their candidate has 527 of 539 delegates necessary for renomination.

Oregon delegate to national Socialist party convention denounces charges his party is guilty of causing mob violence during labor disputes.

Gresham Girl Killed By Concrete Pipe

Gresham—U.P.—Four-year-old Karen Owens of Gresham lost her life Thursday night during a childish game of rolling inside a concrete pipe on a slope near the Multnomah county fairgrounds.

Sheriff's deputies said the freakish tragedy occurred when the pipe which Karen and three other youngsters were taking turns "riding" went out of control and smashed against another pipe.

The impact broke the pipe into several pieces, one of which apparently crashed against the youngster's skull.

Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Owens, Gresham, was dead on arrival at a hospital.

POLICE TO MEET

Seattle—U.P.—Police administrators from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will attend a two-day civil defense police services institute in Portland May 19-20, Regional Defense Director Roger E. Dunham said Friday.

Boy Scout Circus Tomorrow

Boys—singly, or in groups—are interesting. Get a thousand of them together demonstrating various phases of Boy Scout activities, fun and frolic, and what have you got?—a circus, no less!

TOMORROW evening boys from Jackson and Josephine counties in Oregon, and Siskiyou county, California, will stage their second annual circus in the Medford high school football stadium with the greatest assemblage of Scouts, Cubs and Explorers in the history of Crater Lake Area council.

Built around the theme "World Brotherhood Through Scouting," the program will include numerous and interesting demonstrations of Scouting, first aid, life saving, historic and modern methods of signalling, tower and bridge construction with ropes and logs, erection of a World Jamboree camp, authentic Indian dances, den meetings, a "Noah's Ark" of 100 weird animals, and many other features.

There will be a grand entry featuring Scouts from the three counties making up the Crater Lake Area council and the closing ceremony will be equally impressive as it will include most of the assembled youths.

ALL in all, the Scout Circus will be an interesting event for the boys, their parents, and the general public, young and old. Such an ambitious effort by the Scouts and their leaders deserves the support of all in the community and that support can be best shown by buying a ticket and being among those present when the lights go on at 8 p.m. Kids under 17 don't even have to buy a ticket.—E. C. F.

Professional Merger Seen

Osteopaths in Medford are showing considerable interest in a proposal now being considered in California, and by the American Medical association, which would, according to recent articles in California papers, "amalgamate" the medical and osteopathic fields.

One Los Angeles newspaper said:

"THE California Medical association for the first time has taken steps to recognize osteopathic physicians as being on an equal footing with doctors."

And an article in the San Francisco Chronicle quoted the chairman of the board of trustees of the AMA as saying:

"It may be many years before the amalgamation can be completed, but both groups are confident that the union will be of benefit to both groups, and to the public, and that the details can be worked out."

ACCORDING to the Chronicle article, if eventually the two groups of practitioners agree to merge, the College of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, in Los Angeles, would become a medical school, granting an M.D. degree, and its graduates would take the regular state medical board examinations for their licenses. Presumably the school would have to increase its present requirements for graduation, under the proposal.

In Oregon at the present time, and in some other states, both candidates for licenses as physicians and as osteopaths are examined by the same board, which is composed of seven men, six physicians and an osteopath. In both Oregon and California, osteopaths are legally empowered to practice medicine and surgery.

THE AMA spokesman said that if the proposed merger is completed, the six osteopathic colleges in the country would become medical schools.

It would appear that the profession of osteopathy, which has done much to raise its standards in the past years, is considering the last step, which in turn would logically lead to the disappearance of the profession as distinct from that of medicine.—E. A.

Albany's Courteous Drivers

We're so thoroughly sold on the traffic safety program and the efforts of those promoting it to save lives that we find ourselves writing repeatedly, perhaps redundantly, on the subject. Some of it may sound like scolding. Well, the reckless driver has no apology coming.

But the careful, considerate, courteous driver is entitled to an occasional pat on the back. A friend who has lived here only a short time commented the other day on the exceptional courtesy of the drivers in Albany. The right-of-way is given pedestrians with better grace here than we've been accustomed to seeing in some other places. Possibly Portland's double death toll this year as compared with that of 1951 is not unrelated to rather more discourteous driving than we like to see.

Just one other thought on this: If you're a pedestrian—and we all are to a greater or less degree as we get about the town—it won't be safe to figure that this commendable Albany courtesy of the road will be invariable. Don't take chances. Maybe this fellow coming up to the crossing at a lively clip is not one of our courteous Albany drivers. And just one single hit may be all the way from merely expensive to fatal.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

Northwest Building Boosted 10 Per Cent

Seattle—U.P.—Building activity in the Pacific Northwest last month increased 10 per cent over April of 1951, figures compiled by the Construction News Bulletin showed Friday.

The Seattle trade journal said the dollar value of permits issued last month was \$46,776,606, compared to \$33,278,919 recorded in April a year ago.

Hanger Carries Mothballs
Worcester, Mass.—U.P.—The Hang-Wright Co. of Worcester is marketing a coat hanger made of hollow tubes to hold "built-in" mothballs.

Crosstown

By Roland Cos



"We got a baby pitcher my pop took of me. I'm glad to see you got clothes on your kid!"

Babson Discusses Savings

Babson Park, Mass. (Special to Mail Tribune)—The man in the street has done as much this year to stop inflation and stabilize our currency as all the government regulations put together. I wonder if the average American realizes how much he has really helped to curb inflation through restraining his urge to spend and by voluntary saving? He has done a job that ought to make the front pages of every paper in the country. I say this because only through a program of natural, voluntary savings can America keep strong.

You can be sure that in this election year the politicians will be taking the credit for what you have done. They will tell you that inflation has been slowed to a standstill by their price and wage controls, their tightening of consumer credit. Not one of us is going to be stupid enough to deny that an aspirin or a seltzer may help a headache. But unless we are very stupid indeed, we realize the aspirin is only a sedative, not a cure. A look at the record since the close of the war shows the politician to be a good hawk of patent cure-alls but a mighty poor diagnostician.

Sometimes, after awakening from an overdose of drugs, the hang-over which follows is worse than the pain one first endured. As a result, the American people have lost confidence in the politician's patent medicines and have decided to try an old-fashioned remedy—thrift. This old-fashioned remedy is producing some phenomenal results. It has actually caused a halt in the inflation epidemic.

Voluntary Savings More Than Doubled
Through voluntary savings our people more than doubled their 1951 savings over 1950, putting better than \$22 billion into the sock. At the same time, consumer debt held steady for 1951; only 34 per cent of disposable income after taxes, and but 32 per cent of savings. Yet, the same potential to spend was there.

More people are earning more money than in any previous post-war year; incomes are better for 25 million families. They could have gone on a spending spree.

Risk Factor Increases With Higher Stock Prices
I am not predicting a stock market crash. I am merely warning that the risk factor of buying stocks increases as the prices of stocks advance. This risk is further accentuated by unstable world conditions and the uncertainties of an election year. It, therefore, might be wise to take profits and put them into savings banks and government bonds.

This would enable you to set aside a nest egg now so that it will be ready for use when prices drop. Whatever you do, save. The great need for strengthening our national economy today—and for keeping it strong for years to come—is voluntarily enforced savings. Join the parade of savers, today—even though the political outlook appears better.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood—U.P.—Westerns and wrestling on television will get competition next fall—from Bach and Beethoven.

A top musical conductor, Werner Janssen, revealed Friday, his symphony orchestra is starred in the first television movie of long-hair music.

On these three-minute "masterpieces in miniature" the orchestra plays "Tales of the Vienna Woods" while the camera follows a ballet... or the orchestra is shown playing excerpts from Beethoven's fifth symphony.

Janssen is sure that the public will be happy to find good music sandwiched between panel quiz shows and puppets on TV.

Relief From Puppets
"I'm sure Beethoven will be a relief from puppet shows," the conductor says. "When you've had nothing but hash for dinner, a little caviar is good once in a while."

"In 1933, for example, I was conducting in Germany and television was more prominent there than here. Television trucks in the street would show symphony orchestras, and they would stop traffic. People would line up for blocks."

By ALINE MOSBY

United Press Correspondent

Janssen, who's guest-conducted all over Europe and on network radio symphony programs, tried to interest TV bigwigs in his musical movies two years ago. TV couldn't afford to pay much and the little screen would hardly show 90 musicians, anyway.

Filming 100 Movies
"They said it was too classical," he sighed. "Television was starting out like radio."

"I've done more symphony radio than anybody else in the business. I saw what was happening... one classical program after another went off."

He launched his idea again this year and is filming 100 of the three-minute movies. Now he's swamped with offers.

The films can be combined for longer programs, or for showing in "art" theaters. They are filmed in color, with an eye on the future of TV.

Not Too Visual
"We're doing opera, ballet, symphonies, everything," he says, "for 'The Nutcracker Suite' we'll show three minutes of ballet. Or the screen will show abstract designs, paintings or vocalists while the music plays. We won't make it too visual, so it won't detract from the music."

"I don't think the public will object to classical music on TV if it's done right."

Nebraska is the only state which is contained wholly within the Missouri River basin.

In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

From London:
"British aircraft constructors announced today an additional refinement to the ejector seat of speed-of-sound fighter planes—a tiny gadget that automatically brings the pilot safely to earth even if he has lost consciousness."

"The invention is a barometric box the size of a pack of cigarettes that takes over as soon as the pilot is hurled out of the plane, frees him from the seat and at the right altitude opens his chute."

"Designers figure that in quitting a 600-mile-an-hour plane the pilot might pass out or not otherwise be in good shape to open his parachute."

PRETTY complicated?
Wait a minute. How about this growing talk to the effect that modern jet fighter planes are getting too fast and TOO COMPLICATED for human brains and human reactions to keep up with.

We are hearing already that such planes must eventually be MANNED BY ROBOTS. We are told that if the Russians do it first we'll be OUT.

That's pretty complicated stuff, too.

THEN there are these platforms in space, man-made and maintained. They'll circle the earth in an orbit, as other satellites (not man-made) circle other planets.

From them (maybe) we'll launch (maybe) guided missiles with atomic warheads that will smash any city on earth we might elect to smash. Or (again maybe) we'll broadcast from them television programs that will cover the earth from one point of origin.

Again we're told that if the Russians do all this FIRST the jig will be up for us. So it's up to US to do it first.

HOW about these floating platforms? How will the air be up there? How about the temperature? How will human beings sustain life on them? How will living conditions be? Who will want to man them? If no-body volunteers, will somebody be drafted to do it?

Again the answer may be ROBOTS.

That raises another question: **HOW ABOUT GOVERNMENT?**

THERE is a lot of talk—much of it by intelligent, able, thoughtful men—to the effect that the BIG thing that is wrong with our federal government is that it has become so huge, so complicated that no mere man can comprehend it all. In the resulting confusion, SELF-SEEKERS find the opportunity to gain power or to gain profit.

Is the answer to that more robots?

SHUDDER to think of it. I don't want to be governed by a robot.

There are robots and robots, you know—just like people. There was Percy the Iron Man—Brains He Has Nix. You will recognize him, of course, only if you're much older than you like to admit. He was one of the early—very, very early—comic strip characters. He was an amusing blunderer. He was always getting himself into jams and he usually got out of them in ways that brought laughs.

BUT—There was Frankenstein—the robot created by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley away back in 1822 (you see, people were thinking about robots even then.) The robot in Mrs. Shelley's novel was created by a scientist, and it was a holy terror. It destroyed its creator and raised merry hell generally.

IF we fall back on robots to do our governing for us, we could get one like that. I'm "agin" the whole idea. I'd rather take my chances with MEN.

BUT, in a world in which compulsion is growing by leaps and bounds—a world in which we are already talking about robots to handle fighter planes that have become too complicated and terrible to be handled by men born of women, a world in which we already recognize that our mathematical problems are so vast that THINKING MACHINES have to be built to handle problems that are too big and too fast for men's slow minds—is there any other alternative?

I THINK there is. The alternative is the principle of the Golden Rule—deal with others as you want others to deal with you. That principle is simple enough to be applied by mere men. If we followed it, we wouldn't need robots. We could handle all our problems ourselves.

To reduce motor accidents, an institute of psychological research has been opened in Berlin, where motorists and pedestrians may have their reflexes and reactions tested.

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Signing of German Peace Contract Could Bring Red Outbreaks

By PHIL NEWSOM
United Press Foreign Analyst

The signing of the West German peace contract by the Big Three foreign ministers may touch off a big three days for the Communists.

As of now the United States, France and Britain are scheduled to sign the papers restoring virtual sovereignty to the West German government.

On May 24, On May 25, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway is scheduled to arrive in Paris to take over as European supreme commander.

On May 26 the European defense community treaty is to be signed.

Coincidentally, the important local elections also come on May 25.

Could Be Outbreak Signal
Any one of the four events normally would be a signal for Communist outbreaks.

Coming consecutively as they do, they create a situation of potential dynamite.

In Italy and France, the demonstrations will be dealt with by police and handled as strictly internal matters. The prospects are excellent for a few outbreaks.

Epithets Due Ridgway
Greeting Ridgway will be such epithets as "Korean war criminal" and "germ killer."

It will be a minor test of strength for the French Communists who plan demonstrations in all major cities.

The fact that Ridgway's arrival in Europe coincides with the Italian elections may prove a blessing to Italian police. Italian law prohibits political demonstrations on election day or the two days preceding.

Net Income Tax Collections Ahead Of 1951 Figures

Salem—U.P.—Net income tax collections for the first 10 months of this year are ahead of those for the similar period a year earlier by more than \$16,000,000 Ray Smith, chairman of the State Tax commission said Thursday.

The fiscal year started July 1. In the first four months of the calendar year, or through April 30, the state was \$8,000,000 ahead of collections for the first four months of 1951.

For the four months, collections were \$31,920,837.44, compared with \$24,055,296.66 for the similar 1951 period.

Income tax collections for the 10 months of fiscal year amounted to a whopping \$56,699,039.16. That compares with \$40,031,570.46 in the first 10 months of the previous fiscal year.

Seven Spokane Mills End Strike by CIO

Spokane—U.P.—Some 450 members of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) have ended their strike and expected to return to work Friday at seven Spokane mills.

The workers voted to accept an offer calling for a 7½ cent hourly boost as well as improved holiday and vacation provisions, O. D. Armstrong, business representative of local 10-100, reported.

However, Armstrong said the settlement did not affect the big operations at Deer Park pine industries, Northwest Timber, or Kaniksus national forest.

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