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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 23, 1942

(It was Saturday)

Jackson county's eight Japanese residents ordered to evacuate this area by June 1.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot Column: The primary election was held with a minimum of voters participating. There is a report there will be another election in November.

20 YEARS AGO May 23, 1932

(It was Monday)

Two workmen hurt as scaffold falls during construction of new Jackson county courthouse at Main street and Oakdale avenue.

Friends gather at Medford home of Judge Will G. Steel, "father of Crater Lake National park," on 30th anniversary of park's founding.

30 YEARS AGO May 23, 1922

(It was Tuesday)

Postal authorities announce start of daily star mail route carrier service between Medford and Klamath Falls.

Jackson county court calls for bids on construction of road between Butte Falls and Derby.

40 YEARS AGO May 23, 1912

(It was Thursday)

Twelve gallons of dirt yield gold valued at \$1,000 at Victor mine on Galice creek.

Plans under way to muster in new Medford National Guard company with ceremonies at the Natatorium building.

Whistling Held Legal But Serenading Out

Kalamazoo, Mich. — (U.P.) — It's still legal to whistle on Kalamazoo streets at night but the beaus can't serenade their gals any more.

A strong lobby by whistlers beat down a proposed ban on their favorite pastime.

At their insistence, "whistling" was stricken from a section of a new city ordinance banning "yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing" on public streets between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Carrier Pigeon Brings Special Maternity Case

Philadelphia — (U.P.) — Miss Anna Besich, head nurse of the maternity section of Woman's Medical College Hospital, had a "special delivery" case that was flown in but not by the stork. This special case came by carrier pigeon.

A mother pigeon left an egg on a window sill. Miss Besich went through the formal procedure. She entered its name in the book of new arrivals as "Special Delivery." The mother, presumably satisfied that the egg was in good hands, departed.

Kruger National Park in the Union of South Africa is the largest zoo in the world, bigger than the State of Massachusetts and containing over 500,000 head of game, says the national Geographic Society.

The Return of Softball

Softball, the snappy and interesting diamond sport which enjoyed such great popularity before the advent of professional league baseball here a few years ago, is due for a revival this season and a good many people will be glad to see it back.

THE Medford Softball Association has been re-formed and plans are presently in the making for a ten-team league. The loop will include teams representing Medford civic clubs and business concerns, the Y.M.C.A., the National Guard, the towns of Eagle Point, Central Point and the Camp White V.A. Domiciliary.

Medford's National Guard units will field a team as part of their recreational activities, and the veterans at the V. A. Domiciliary will get to see some contests on the Camp White diamond, principally practice sessions and make-up games.

The schedule, as now proposed, will open the night of June 13 and wind up well before the state softball tournament in August so that the champions here may have opportunity to enter district competition.

WITH ten teams, each including fifteen players, around 150 local men will be playing softball, and because of the large number actually participating, the games will have greater spectator appeal than baseball games played by professionals in whom there is little or no personal interest.

Games will be played Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights on the high school athletic field and admission charges will be kept low—just enough to pay for use of the field and lights, and meet other incidental expenses. The small admission fee is also expected to be a factor in enticing spectators.

THERE were some mighty interesting and exciting softball games here when the league flourished before, with teams racing neck and neck for final honors. Now that professional baseball, the more expensive big brother, is out of the picture, for this year at least, we can see no reason why the less cumbersome sport cannot regain its popularity.

There'll Be Baseball Too

The foregoing should not be taken to mean that this neck of the woods will be without good old fashioned baseball this summer. On the contrary, there will be plenty—and some of it pretty fast.

ENTERED in the Southwestern Oregon league is the Medford Cheney Studs, sponsored by the Cheney Oregon Lumber company of Central Point, with a 28-game schedule, the home games to be played on the Jackson county fairground diamond. The Southwestern, commonly known as the "Sawdust league" because of the number of teams sponsored by lumbering concerns, comprises besides the Studs, Coos Bay-North Bend, Bandon, Brookings, Roseburg, Coquille and Drain.

Competition is sure to be red hot for this loop is known as the fastest in the state's semi-pro category.

The "Sawdust league" boasts such talent as Ad Liska, former Portland Beaver hurler who is now elbowing his submarine ball across for Bandon; Roy Helsner, another ex-Beaver, who was one of the Coast league's best known pitchers, now performing for Drain, and Harvey Storey, former Padre third baseman, now with Drain; Paul Gehrman, Studs pitcher, a former major leaguer, and several outstanding college athletes such as Dave Mann, Roseburg pitcher, who starred on the football gridiron for Oregon State college.

ANOTHER league, the Rogue Valley, this one made up mostly of strictly home talent, will have Central Point, Butte Falls, Prospect, Ashland, Grants Pass, Cave Junction and Glendale as components. A 14-game schedule has been adopted with practically all games coming on Sunday, and to be played on home town diamonds.

PROFESSIONAL baseball, with top-notch players, is all very well for the comparatively few who understand and appreciate all the finer points of the game. But for the rank and file, or casual fan, interest in a team or player is more often influenced by the fact that they belong to and represent the home town, rather than that they are stars.

That's the old time baseball fan for you. He flourished in great profusion in the horse and buggy era when every wide place in the road had its ball team. And if baseball ever comes back to anything like its former major place in the athletic scheme of things, there will have to be more such fans than we have today.—E.C.F.

Farm Laborers Warned To Keep Close Check on Wages

Salem — (U.P.) — State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kinsey has warned farm laborers in Oregon to keep a close check on wages due them and to acquaint themselves with Oregon's wage-protection laws.

Many Workers Bilked Kinsey said the warning was necessary because every harvest season the labor department receives many complaints from agricultural workers who have been bilked of their wages. One single complaint last season involved a contingent of Willamette valley bean pickers who had several thousand dollars coming in wages and were told by the grower at the end of the season that he was unable to pay.

Crosstown

By Roland Cox



"For an extra dime you get complete social security!"

Babson.. Bad Investments

BY ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass., May 23. (Special To Mail Tribune).—E. H. Harriman was probably

America's greatest railroad builder.

Incidentally, he was the father of the present W. Averell

Harriman, formerly Ambassador to Russia and who is now seeking

the nomination for President on the Democratic ticket. Once,

when riding in the father's private car, I asked: "What is the most important factor in selecting

a good railroad investment?" He replied: "Character of the management. Good management

can make a profitable railroad from two streaks of rust; while poor management can turn a

good railroad into two streaks of rust."

I then thought that by studying the location, capitalization and earnings of a railroad it

would be possible to tell a good investment from a bad investment. Unfortunately, I have

since found Mr. Harriman to be correct. There are too many who at the present time think they can select good investments and

detect bad investments by studying earnings statements and other statistics, for the collecting and analyzing of which I now

spend a million dollars a year. Such figures are valuable. Every careful person should

study balance sheets and earnings statements before investing hard-earned money in any

stocks or bonds. From sad experience, however, I have learned that such figures, although recording the past, are

little indication as to what the future will bring forth. To avoid losses, one must look deeper. The future depends upon the

management. Not only does the character of management change as new men are elected; but management will deteriorate under the same men who

stay too long, or become careless. Unfortunately, the required information to judge the character of management cannot be secured from manuals and magazines, but only through

personal contacts and confidential studies.

Importance of Character Necessary in Management

I have almost reached the point where I must employ retired FBI men as my assistants, rather than statisticians or economists. A few trained newspapermen are useful in detecting bad managements; but the popular policy of leading banks, insurance companies, and investment trusts, to depend upon so-called "investment analysts" is dangerous practice. Colleges have graduated hundreds of these investment analysts and they hold such jobs today. They are honest and hard working young men, but very few of them can forecast the future of a corporation by relying on published reports.

To prepare worth-while reports on the management of any corporation, it is necessary to visit the plant and talk with the officers, directors and employees. Furthermore, these men need not be judged by the answers which they give to your questions so much as by their language, ethics and basic principles. When interviewing men high up in the management of a corporation, I may learn more of their character by discussing home life, children, churches, schools, liquor, race tracks, and other general subjects than by talking about their own company.

What the Neighbors Report Found of Importance

In addition to such personal interviews, I have informative connections through many thousands of clients and the 450 newspapers which carry this

column. I also am one of a confidential organization which secures undercover information of the most important kind. These and other confidential sources are in addition to publications, vast files and printed reports which all investment advisors have to study. Readers should know that there are today over 750,000 corporations whose stocks have been bought or sold and are now a total loss, the companies passing out of existence.

Young people especially need to realize the importance of character in connection with securing and holding jobs, as well as in connection with the investing of their hard-earned savings. The strength of America today came not from money or big business or even colleges. These are but the fruits of character implanted by praying parents, devoted school teachers, ethical employers and good neighbors.

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.

Grange Appreciative

To the Editor: The Eagle Point Grange at its regular meeting, May 20, expressed appreciation and a desire to praise the mayor and councilmen of Medford for retaining Standard Time officially for Medford, this being more in harmony with life in the country and transportation systems.

Eagle Point Grange No. 664 by Agnes Hubbell, secretary

A Supreme Labor Court?

To the Editor: Fifty years ago, in solitary confinement in a Colorado jail, I came to the conclusion that strikes were not the way to establish a fixed minimum wage base, the relative value of different classes of labor and the insurance of jobs for all workers.

In 1934 I published a book entitled "Jobs," a copy of which can be found in the library here. On Page 123 I make this statement: "An impartial court would be organized for this purpose."

In 1944 I published a pamphlet entitled "Economic Machinery" which outlined the machinery to be set up for the purpose above stated. I quote from Page 22: "A Congress so chosen (Method of choosing Labor Congress outlined on Page 21) would then organize a Supreme Labor Court and minor courts after the pattern of our courts of justice. These courts would fix and amend wages and decide all labor disputes. Strikes would be outlawed."

A copy of this pamphlet can be had by calling at my office, 31 S. Front Street.

But a labor court alone will not solve all the wage-earners' problems. A compensatory economy must be provided for so there can always be wage earner purchasing power enough to balance and induce capacity production of goods and services in times of peace as well as in times of war.

The pamphlet outlines details of necessary legislation. My friend Bob Ruhl's recent editorial on a Supreme Labor Court brought to my mind that during the past 40 years I have agreed with him on most major issues. But now all these issues are secondary to the problem of the survival of our nation, our people, and our way of life. Fewer Cadillacs and more bombers is the all-important issue that confronts us.

Will Eisenhower make this the campaign issue or will he be sidetracked into some pinball machine controversy?

J. C. Barnes 31 S. Front St. Medford, Ore.

In the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS

More rioting in the prisoner of war camps in Korea and its adjacent islands. As nearly as one can gather from the censored reports, the army started some more "screening" of POW's yesterday ("screening" is a fancy word meaning separating the sheep from the goats.)

When the process started, communist fanatics in the camp began fashioning long, sharp, steel-pointed spears from litter rails and tent poles. When camp officers noted their activity, American infantry guards laid aside their nightsticks for rifles and bayonets and entered the enclosure.

Vicious fighting broke out. Somehow or other (the dispatches are obviously censored) a Chinese prisoner was killed.

TOUGH? I suppose so. But war is no pink tea—and prisoner of war camps are a part of war. I doubt if you can run a prisoner camp without discipline.

In fact, I doubt if you can run ANYTHING very successfully without discipline.

THIS is becoming an undisciplined world. What will come of it, I don't know. But history tells us that when the Roman empire declined and eventually fell and the world no longer had a BOSS capable of enforcing intelligent disciplines mankind slipped into the muck and the shadows of the Dark Ages.

Nobody likes discipline, but nearly all of us NEED discipline.

FROM Seattle:

"Youth at the University of Washington and Washington State College joined the latest college fad last night.

"At the university, an estimated 1,000 of them smashed windows and did minor damage in PANTY RAIDS in a women's residence hall and six sorority houses."

WHEN these youths grow up and get married and have to buy pants down at the store and pay hard-earned money for them, they won't be so reckless with them or so eager to get them.

IN CLEVELAND (Ohio) last night, Dr. Clayton S. White, research director of Lovelace Clinic at Albuquerque, New Mexico, told the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences and the Cleveland Academy of Medicine that getting a rocket ship into the upper atmosphere is feasible but a great many problems must be solved before man can survive up there. Here are a few of the problems, as he outlined them:

Oxygen starts to run out at 8,000 to 10,000 feet. Above 60,000 feet, there ISN'T ANY oxygen.

At 22,000 feet, the barometric pressure is down so much that decompression sickness hits the pilot. His blood boils and there is no room for anything but water in his lungs, causing him to drown.

AROUND 60,000 feet, there is a poisonous concentration of ozone. Above that is intensive ultraviolet light from which earth dwellers are protected by the atmosphere.

Then come X-rays from the sun and cosmic rays in high concentration.

PRETTY grim?

Nobody will face it, you think?

WAIT a minute. When Columbus started westward from Spain, practically everybody but Christopher himself believed the world was flat. His sailors thought that at some point toward which they were heading the waters of the Atlantic poured over the edge into a boiling inferno inhabited by grisly monsters the like of which man had never seen.

But they conquered their fears and went along on the trip.

SOMEDAY, SOMEBODY will sail out into space in a rocket ship (or some other contrivance) just to see what really is out there. Man's curiosity is insatiable, and there is practically no risk he won't take to satisfy it.

Farmer Looks Forward To Spring Flooding

Saginaw, Mich. — (U.P.) — Walter Dietzel is one farmer who looks forward to spring flooding.

This spring, as is usually the case, the Tittabawassee river put his 60-acre wheat field under water. Dietzel figures the flood brings him rich returns.

The average wheat yield for Saginaw county is about 30 bushels per acre. Dietzel said his yields never drop below the 50-bushel mark and have gone as high as 75 bushels to the acre.

"This is because that water brings me the topsoil of the farmers upstream," Dietzel said. "I'm sorry they have to lose it but what they lose, I gain."

WEATHER

By United Press North California: Fair Friday and Saturday.

Anti-Commie Slogans Appear in Unusual West Europe Places

By PHIL NEWSOM

A decoy Jo-Jo, the Communist peace dove, decorates a Paris billboard. Attached to his neck is a long cord held by an Apache figure, a red star on his chest and in his hand, a club, waiting for the suckers.

The leering Apache caricature is Stalin. He carries a placard labeled "peace."

In Rome, in the Piazza Venezia, under the famous balcony where Mussolini once harangued the Fascists, stands a papier mache King Kong-type red monster, three stories high, tearing apart a Roman monument.

In East Berlin, a symbol of the hangman's noose appears mysteriously overnight on factory and jail walls, on fences and bridges.

Fighting Communism In Italy, France and Germany, opposition forces are fighting the Communists in the way best suited to their national temperaments.

In France, the "peace and liberty" organization is dedicated to the job of taking the latest Communist propaganda theme and turning it into a weapon of counter-propaganda.

One poster says: "Take a vacation in the country of peace and liberty." Then it shows three gaunt and hungry workers clinging to symbolic bars in a territory labeled "U.S.S.R."

None Miss Bitter Humor

All who pass along the Paris boulevards must see the bright red and black poster. And no

one misses the point of its bitter humor.

Another poster shows twin maps, labeled simply: "Where are the aggressors." It shows the boundaries of the Soviet Union in 1938 and then the expansion to the 1952 line of the Iron Curtain.

Italy's traditional artistic ingenuity has come into play in a derisive anti-Communist campaign as the nation enters its last week before the nationwide municipal elections.

Anti-Communist coins, neatly wrapped in cellophane, show a figure of Stalin on one side, labeled "before," and on the other side "after" and a spurred boot crushing the symbolic figure of Italy in case of a Communist victory at the polls.

"Danger" Signs Shown Other posters bear symbolic "danger" traffic signs. The signs are made up of the hammer and bear portraits of Red Leader Palmiro Togliatti as a sort of dog-catcher, trying to muzzle the symbolic wolf of Rome.

The anti-Communist campaign is of a grimmer nature in Berlin. There, cleverly counterfeited Russian ruble bank notes appear. They are distributed by a Russian emigrant group, and on the back of the bills are such slogans as "death to tyrants."

May Find Noose Drawn

In West Berlin, the two-year-old "free jurists" maintain headquarters in a high-fenced, heavily guarded mansion. An East German jailer who mistreats anti-Communist prisoners, may find a hangman's noose drawn on the wall of his home. Others in the organization keep detailed records on all East German leaders.

They believe the East German regime will fall some day, as Hitler's did. Then the records will come in handy.

New Yorker Requested To Become Consultant Of Capitol Planning

Salem — (U.P.) — Francis Keally, New York architect who conceived the plans for Oregon's new state capitol, will be asked to serve as a consultant to the State Capitol Planning Advisory Commission.

The commission voted to ask the State Board of Control to invite Keally to come to Oregon to consider the planning of the capitol group of buildings as a whole.

Sprague Urges Action

Former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, Salem publisher, urged the action, and also suggested that a good balance for the grouping would be to have the new Supreme Court building at the end of the mall opposite the capitol, rather than on a side block, to indicate the equality of the legislative and administrative branches and the judicial branch of government. That is similar to the plan in the national capitol.

Parking Ban Urged

David Thompson, landscape architect, urged that parking be completely banned from the area around the mall, so that visitors would have an unobstructed view of the capitol group as a whole. One suggestion was for an underground garage, beneath the mall, for day-time storage of cars owned by state employees. Tunnels would lead to the state library building and to the public service building, which in turn has tunnels to the highway building and the capitol.

Another suggestion was that there is no reason why state employees, and others, should forget how to walk. They could park their cars three or four blocks away from the capitol and walk the rest of the distance.

Expensive Garage

It was estimated that the underground garage would cost at least half a million dollars, and commission members suggested the public might balk at this expensive means of relieving employees of the need to walk a couple of blocks.

Robert L. Elfstrom, former Salem mayor, and Arthur Bates appeared before the commission and asked appointment of a sub-

committee of the commission to meet with a committee from the First Presbyterian church to discuss future development of the church, which is located in the capitol zone and eventually will be moved to another location.

Subcommittee Appointed

Robert W. Sawyer, Bend publisher and chairman of the commission, appointed Dean George W. Gleason of Oregon State college, Dean Sidney W. Little of University of Oregon and Portland Architect Herman Brookman as members of the subcommittee. Elfstrom said the church must expand but its officials did not want to take steps without first consulting with the Capitol Planning Commission.

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