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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 27, 1942

(It was Wednesday)

Seven vagrants, five of them
cripples, ordered to leave Jack-
son county by justice court; all
charged with drunkenness and
begging.From Arthur Perry's Ye
Smudge Pot column: Oregonians
have been granted a month's re-
lief from gasoline rationing.
Many will take a hearty drive
before traveling the "last mile."

20 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1922

(It was Friday)

State police, sheriff's deputies
and federal prohibition aides
raid "beer joint" in Jacksonville;
seize 275 bottles of beer and two
corks of mash.More than 61 per cent of Jack-
son county registered voters
cast ballots in 1932 primary
election for all-time high.

30 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1922

(It was Saturday)

Hard game blows in Rogue
valley; some damage reported to
orchard fruit crops.British aviators attempting
around-the-world flight arrive in
Rome, three days behind sched-
ule.

40 YEARS AGO

May 27, 1912

(It was Monday)

City school authorities con-
duct inspection of sanitary con-
ditions after Greater Medford
club charges "extremely poor
conditions exist in all schools."Boys employed in dressing
chickens at Medford market
find gold nugget worth \$1 in
chicken's craw.State Highway
Purchases ClearedPortland — (U.P.) — The way
was clear Tuesday for the Ore-
gon State Highway commission to
purchase for \$1,609,500 three
major parcels of property need-
ed for the proposed T. H. Ban-
field expressway in Sullivan
Gulch in Portland.The authorization, made late
Monday at a commission meet-
ing here, ended years of negotia-
tions.Included were the Fred Meyer
warehouse, purchased for
\$750,000; Lloyd corporation
lands in the gulch, \$398,000; and
General Paint company prop-
erty, \$461,521.It was estimated that right-of-
way for the entire project will
cost \$5,800,000, approximately
\$3,000,000 more than the origi-
nal estimate.Cost of construction was put
at \$9,600,000, making the total
\$15,400,000 or approximately
\$1,000,000 a mile.

SHARPSHOOTER HURT

Moline, Ill. — (U.P.) — Moline
police worried Tuesday about
their chances in the forthcoming
state marksmanship contest.
Earl McGlaughlin, their cham-
pion pistol shot, lost part of his
trigger finger Monday night
when an angry woman prisoner
slammed her cell door on his
hand.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, May 25.—We can think of no better introduc-
tion to a new offering in the line of travelogues than this:
The "Shasta Daylight," for the first time in our many San
Francisco trips, was 35 minutes late at Dunsmuir. That didn't
seem so alarming, until we realized the much-abused "fast time"
prevails in the state of California, and consequently, instead of
arriving at our San Francisco hotel BEFORE midnight we would
arrive—if lucky—considerably AFTER.
That we did.
But then at the hotel entrance it was discovered that a cer-
tain hat-box which contained practically EVERYTHING of value
in the wardrobe of the staff side of the family, was not among
the three or four thousand pounds of luggage present.
TABLEAU!One member of the family—guess which!—remained in the
taxi and sped back to the Ferry Building to reclaim the lost portion
of the family impedimenta—while the other member was given
the assignment of escorting the less valuable—but more numer-
ous—items to the hotel-room.
Around one p.m. there was a reunion of sorts.
But the "pay-off" was this:
When the lone early a.m. bell-boy finally appeared with
his truck to transport the "goods and chattels" to the proper place
on the 14th floor, he surveyed the newly-arrived couple compre-
hendingly and inquired:
"Welcome back. Did you have a nice trip?"
If the point isn't clear we refuse to make it so—so on to more
important things—!California will soon have its primary.
Walking up Market street this p.m., "Ye Editor" encountered
a sound truck running down, with posters showing the pleasing
facial lineaments of a candidate for congress, and strange as it may
seem, the candidate was within, with a microphone in his hands
and was announcing in a conversational tone, as he sat relaxed
in a camp chair, that he would appreciate the votes of the populace
around and about. Somehow it is hard to imagine a similar sight
in Oregon. But perhaps Oregon will eventually come to that sort
of thing, as it has come to so many others, as the years have rolled
along.We refuse to give the candidate's name, and office for which
he aspires, because that would come under the heading of "free
advertising," and we have had enough of that in the past three
weeks without including the great state of California.Congressman Nixon, who can't get over the fact he was chiefly
responsible for the conviction of Alger Hiss—which he WAS—
had a radio interview with Bert Andrews of the New York Herald-
Tribune this evening.The California congressman made quite a good case for the
Republican party, until he declared—apparently with a straight
face—that the main issue in the forthcoming contest would be
whether the great American system of private initiative can
survive or we are going into socialism "L-bent."How CAN a man as smart as Nixon adopt that silly tactic. It
will please the "Old Guard"—(boys and girls)—but they will vote
the ticket straight anyway. To win, the Republicans will have to
get the independent vote and no Independents will fall for that
discredited line of hooey. This isn't so much a matter of opinion
as of arithmetic.San Francisco looks about the same except across the street
from our hotel a Kosher restaurant has sprung up with this in-
triguing sign:"The Bon Vivant, kosher avec Schmaltz." (That is SO much
better than kosher MIT Schmaltz.) Also the old Tivoli theater on
Eddy where we first saw Jack Benny 37 years ago, is now an
entrance to a parking lot!If General Eisenhower should evolve a feasible method to
prevent strikes in basic industries, he would carry San Francisco
unanimously. San Francisco is about as fed up with labor walk-
outs as Los Angeles is with smog and as the taxi man who brought
us up from the ferry said:"Strikes are like the weather, a lot of talk about them
but nothing done about it. I am a union man, but labor is
just as fed up as the public, and labor suffers from the same
trouble. There's a lot of talk about kicking Harry Bridges
and his Commies out by the unions but it ends there. The
trouble is Bridges and his gang go to all the meetings and
the rank-and-file stay home and look at TV. That's the
trouble with this country all around—too much talky-talk
and not enough action!""You can say that again."
We wonder why it is—we have never run into a dumb taxi-
driver and most of them are well-informed and smart. This one
was unusually literate, wore glasses and looked rather like a chem-
istry assistant professor we once knew. He continued on the strike
problem as follows:"That man Bridges is going to ruin this town and Hono-
lulu too unless they send him to the pen and be quick about it.
They didn't waste any time with Hiss, why should they with
Bridges?—they were guilty of the same thing—per-
jury. As it is, all the ships that can avoid the Golden Gate
do so, and no Big Business wants to build a plant here or
enlarge what they got with one big walk-out following on
the heels of another. The people all squawk about it, but
what do they do about it?—and that goes for labor!"
—R.W.R.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

I love you.
Words are small.
'Tis life speaks plain,
In twenty years perhaps
You may know all.
—Dinah Craik.Kindly and considerate male
inventors the world over are still
striving to make life less difficult
for women. Now a Netherlands
inventive genius has originated
a portable vacuum cleaner that
can also be used to make mayon-
naise, beat eggs and grind cof-
fee. And that's not all. It can
also be used as a hair dryer!

Mules & Men

"There is no shortage of bach-
elors in our city," writes a De-
troit bachelorette. Single men
are numerous. The quantity is
all right but quality is scarce.
The average Detroit bachelorette
thinks he is one of God's greatest
gifts to women. He is usually in-
considerate, lacking in refine-
ment and an intolerable bore. He
also thinks it is smart to be thrifty on
a date. Furthermore, four out of
five dates end in wrestling
matches. The one that doesn't
is usually one you have with a
man from out of town. However,
those dates are usually no bar-
gain either. Just when you are
beginning to feel a liking for the
man he tells you he is married.
What can a poor girl do? Four of
my bachelorette friends and my-
self will be glad to have any ad-
vice your Mules & Men experts
can offer. And if you can't give
us any advice, let us have a lit-
tle sympathy."

Rules

A rule of the Lambs Club for-
bids pipe smoking in any part of
the club building. However, the
ruling is repeatedly ignored. Anemployee of the Lambs Club,
commenting on this, said: "The
only rule of the Lambs Club that
is never broken is the one that
says: 'No tipping allowed.'"

Passing By

Charles L. Wagner, A success-
ful impresario for 50 years. Says
he has seen all the great char-
acters of the past half century
and thinks Margherita Sylva's
portrayal of that difficult role
was the best. . . . Guy Lombardo,
Veteran band maestro. Has been
broadcasting dance music for 28
years. First time I heard Guy's
music over the air he was play-
ing at a night spot on Cottage
Grove avenue, Chicago. That
was around 1928. I have been
one of his fans ever since. He
plays the kind of music I like to
dance to.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Ac-
cording to Shakespeare, Juliet
was 14 years old at the time of
her romance with Romeo, who
was 15. How old was Norma
Shearer when she played Juliet
on the screen? A. Miss Shearer
was 32 years old at that time.
Leslie Howard, who was the Ro-
meo of that film, was 43 years
old.

Towser

"Towring with Towser," is the
name of that pamphlet listing
hotels and motels in the U.S.A.
that welcome dogs. Towser has
been a popular name for dogs
for some time. Even longer than
Fido and Rover. Two hundred
and eighty-nine years ago, in
1663, Samuel Pepys recorded in
his immortal diary that he had a
dog named Towser.

Lest We Forget

As for a major leaguer, oth-

Crosstown

By Roland Coe

"Remember the trail we blazed through here last
spring? It's going to be a highway."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and
Stewart Alsop

THE NEW LIZZIE BORDENS

Washington — The House and
Senate are plainly determined to
deal with this year's defense and
foreign aid appropriations in the
manner of Lizzie Borden in a
peevish moment. Having given
the defense of the United States
40 whacks some weeks ago, the
House has now given 41 to for-
eign aid. The Senate will not be
far behind.It is important, first, to trace
to its source this spirit of care-
free ax-wielding. The chief
source is the organized group of
business lobbyists, who are al-
ways hard at work here justifying
their salaries. Among these,
the United States Chamber of
Commerce is the most impor-
tant; also, the National Associa-
tion of Manufacturers and even
the Committee for Economic De-
velopment have been giving a
helping hand.The U. S. Chamber, which is
like all such outfits in having its
policies mainly formed by its
permanent staff, apparently
made up its mind some time ago
that the election year was the
moment to knock spots out of
the defense program. Accord-
ing to it has been rallying the hun-
dreds of local Chambers of Com-
merce, which are inclined to fol-
low their big brother without
asking many questions. The
small business men of the local
Chambers have in turn subject-
ed the senators and representa-
tives to strong blasts of heat
from back home. And so cut af-
ter cut has been voted in both
defense and foreign aid.THE important feature of this
process is the reasoning be-
hind it. The U. S. Chamber prop-
aganda (always headed, "It's
your money they're spending.")
has avoided any frontal attack
on the national security pro-
gram. Instead, it has boldly
charged the military services
with "pure waste of \$5,000,000-
000 or more" per year, and has
urged "saving" by across-the-
board cuts. This is, of course,
precisely the method the House
and Senate have adopted.When queried about this re-
markable \$5,000,000,000 figure,er than a pitcher who was still
going strong when over 40 years
of age, how about Ty Cobb? It
writes a Philadelphia. "When
with the Athletics in 1928, play-
ing regularly and hitting as well
as ever, Ty Cobb was TH THTH
as ever, Ty was 42 years old. His
salary that year was \$70,000,
same as the amount paid that
season to 'Babe' Ruth."

That Club

Dell Bell, San Gabriel, Calif.,
described as "the attractive re-
d-haired wife of Billy Bell, the golf
course architect," has been sug-
gested for membership in the
My Name Is a Poem Club. Re-
gret to say that Mrs. Bell, having
acquired her rhyming name by
marriage, is not eligible. Only
the name on the birth certificate
counts. So I am informed by
M.N.I.A.P.C. President Hugh
Blue.

Among the Married

It is now legally necessary to
be 16 years of age to be mar-
ried in Northern Ireland. Until
recently, the age requirements
there for matrimony were 14
for a male and 12 for a female.
I wonder if any 14 year old lad
in northern Ireland ever married
a 12 year old girl. Youngest mar-
ried couple I ever heard of was
a 16 year old husband and a 15
year old bride. Everybody said
the marriage would fail, but it
didn't.

'FLYING SAUCER' FOUND

Daly City, Calif. — (U.P.) — An
excited citizen told Policeman
James Welsh Monday that a
"flying saucer" was hovering over-
head. Welsh chased the mys-
terious light to Greenlawn cem-
tery, found a punctured rubber
balloon with a Signal Corps bat-
tery and flashlight bulb attached
to it by a heavy string.however, U. S. Chamber offi-
cials confessed that they were
unable to document it in any de-
tail. The figure was, it appeared,
the result of mystical contem-
plation, plus talks with mem-
bers of the House of Representatives
and the Senate, who have not docu-
mented it either.The Congressional approach
has been the same. No detailed
explanation was offered, when
the House chopped \$4,000,000,
000 off the defense appropriation.
No examination of conse-
quences was attempted, when
the House placed a limit on next
year's spending of funds already
appropriated and obligated,
which will again put off the Amer-
ican preparedness date until
1957. The most solemn forecast
of economic convulsions and
perhaps even changes of govern-
ment in Britain, France and other
NATO nations, were angrily
ignored when the House chop-
ped \$700,000,000 out of the eco-
nomic aid section of the foreign
aid bill. The idea, this year, is
to wield the ax blindly, and
leave the Executive Branch to
bind up the wounds as best it
may.Some of what the House has
done will be undone by the Sen-
ate. Yet even there, one of the
senators who has always shown
the greatest public spirit in these
questions, told these re-
porters: "You've got to remem-
ber this is an election year. The
boys are bound to cut pretty
hard now. Then there will be de-
ficiency appropriations after the
election."THIS easy system of course
means changes in defense or-
dering scheduling, with resulting
delays in production and in-
creases of human force that may
run as high as 50 per cent.
There are two things to be said
about this whole queer process.
The first is that the Western
World will never be defended if
this goes on. You cannot build a
sound defense by hastily tripling
defense appropriations when the
Soviets are being menacing, and
then withholding the ax when the
Kremlin keeps quiet for a bit.
This on-again-off-again rhythm
both doubles the cost and slows
down the procurement of hard-
ware so much that it is never
ready when wanted.Furthermore, Defense Sec-
retary Robert A. Lovett and De-
puty Secretary William Foster
are both brilliantly able and
stoutly conservative men, who
have no love for throwing away
the taxpayers' money. It can be
assumed, therefore, that they
have been as economical as their
circumstances permit. Thus ax-
chopping at their funds can only
result in cancelled orders for
planes, tanks and the like, on
which our future survival may
well depend.On the other hand, as has
often been pointed out in this
space, the unit cost of American
defense is outrageously and dan-
gerously high. The real reasons
for this high unit cost lie in such
phenomena as the American in-
fantry battalion, with its 50 per
cent more men and 13 per cent
less fire power than the Soviet
battalion; the Joint Chiefs of
Staff organization, with its inhi-
bition for truly national think-
ing; and the high pay of our mil-
itary manpower, which Congress
has just raised. If the critics of
Sec. Lovett have the political
guts and the detailed knowledge
to attack these thorny issues and
others like them, they would be
thoroughly justified.(Copyright, 1952, New York
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WEDDING SAVINGS LOST

Boston — (U.P.) — Miss Irene
Voci, 21, retraced her steps Mon-
day to find her lost handbag
which contained \$110 she had
saved for her coming marriage.
She learned that five-year-old
Diana Gomes found the handbag
in a gutter and gave it to its
"owner," a sharply-dressed pas-
senger who said: "I'll take it, kid."

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.

D.A.V. Appreciative

To the Editor: Jackson County
Chapter No. 8, Disabled Amer-
ican Veterans, takes this oppor-
tunity to thank the many mer-
chants and private citizens of
Medford for their splendid re-
sponse to our white elephant sal-
vage drive which we conducted
during the past six weeks. It was
very successful and we assure
those who came to our assistance
in this project that every pen-
ny of the proceeds will be used
for maintenance of our service
officer set-up, located at 16 Bro-
phy building.We are always ready and hap-
py to serve any veteran with a
problem, also ready to assist his
widow or dependents.E. R. Rice, commander
Pat Graham, Adj. & Ser. Ofc.
D.A.V. Jackson Co. Chapter 8.

For Security Force Only

To the Editor: Considering our
disastrous experience with
peace, war and other global af-
fairs during the last 35 years it's
time to withdraw from the United
Nations and cease our politi-
cal, financial and economic ac-
tivities abroad.All this could be accomplish-
ed by limiting federal taxation
and indebtedness. Our 160 mil-
lion people could never raise the
standards of living of over half
the world's people as many
think. Neither can they reform
the world or make it's people ac-
cept our form of government or
economy.Just why we should undertake
this impossible task or assume
world leadership is a deep mys-
tery. The world is going to un-
dergo a violent political, social
and economic upheaval regard-
less of our money, diplomacy, re-
sources, soldiers and globalists.
It looks like the Kaiser's war
was the start of another 100
years war.It's time to limit our participa-
tion in world affairs to mem-
bership in an All-Nation Security
Force provided about 50 nations
furnish a full quota of men,
money and resources to main-
tain it.
Seeing that the Allied forces
defeated the Japanese, Italian
and two German aggressions
without the need of supergov-
ernment, all that would be re-
quired to supervise this force
would be an international com-
mission. These are my conclu-
sions after visiting many coun-
tries of the world and talking
with their people.W. F. Farrell
645 J Street
Medford, Ore.P.S.—After visiting your de-
lightful city for the first time I
must say with H. L. Taylor the
commentator, "God Bless Our
Country."

Cloud Seeding Seen

To the Editor: Could there be
two groups of planes seeding
clouds in Jackson County?The seeding that was done in
the Applegate district May 19
was at an altitude of about 3,000
feet.There was a nice build-up of
clouds but not thunderheads and
from the rain that started to fall
I would not judge them to be
hail clouds, but fifteen minutes
after the planes started working
all moisture stopped and the
clouds began to evaporate.There was also a second flight
at 4:45 that afternoon. This
flight was at an altitude of
around 2,500 feet. I would judge
the build-up of the clouds to
have been within an altitude of
some 3,000 feet instead of 20,000.Ben Wertz,
Rt. 1, Box 49,
Jacksonville, Oregon.

Council Upheld

To the Editor: The city coun-
cil and Mayor of Medford de-
serve kinder words than those
in a letter entitled "Not All
Happy," printed in The Mail
Tribune last Thursday.I was particularly impressed
by the action of your Mayor
Flynn in visiting other places
and informing himself about the
time question. The fact that
some of the councilmen reversed
themselves and voted with him
indicated, not vacillation but a
willingness to work together.The above mentioned letter
shows that the writer must have
failed to keep informed as I be-
lieve Mayor Flynn stated that
he had received a great many
communications from residents
of Medford approving his de-
cision.Now the piece-de-resistance.
Quote from the lady on Spring
St. Drive: "There are a number
of us who think that if Mayor
Flynn and the city council be-
lieve that their first duty is to
the people living in outlying and
rural districts instead of to the
citizens and business people
within Medford then I say let
the rural districts put them in
office on the next election day."Well, I say it: That's silly.
First, I believe the council
really feels that their duty is to
the whole district and not just
to the citizens of Medford in such
a matter.Second, if the lady takes her
grip to the polls and votes the
present council and mayor out,
how can she be sure that a new
council will always act to please
her. And maybe next time theissue would be more important
than a change of clocks.Of course she could go down
then, and run that council out,
and in the course of forty or
fifty years she might get one
that would suit her.To be a council caught be-
tween two factions is no picnic,
which is shown by the remark
of one of the Medford councilthat he thought it unfair for the
council to have to decide such a
question as changing the clocks.I would suggest to the lady on
Spring St. Drive, that she join
with the women voting league
of Medford in studying some of
the larger issues that will come
up on the November ballot,
thereby gaining a broader view-
point, and if she has some weight
to throw around, do it in a more
constructive way.And do get behind your—to
my notion — very good mayor
and councilmen, instead of leav-
ing it to a neighbor town.Mrs. Citizen of Ashland.
(Name on file.)

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

We get this one today from
Koje Island, Korea."News of a third bloody riot
by Red prisoners of war came
to light this morning. South
Korean sources said four Korean
guards and three North Korean
Communist prisoners were
killed and 57 Reds wounded in
the uprising April 10."Ninety Communist prisoners
and one U. S. soldier were killed
in earlier Koje riots — on
February 18 and March 13."The state of mind induced by
that kind of thinking could be
dangerous in a world period as
unsettled as that in which we
are now living. Somebody needs
to be realistic in these days.

SHE WANTED ONE MAN

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Judie
Lee Polley, 18-year-old daughter
of an assistant U. S. attorney at
New Orleans, won a divorce
Monday by testifying her hus-
band wanted to continue living
at his fraternity house following
their marriage. She said he had
asked her to be the fraternity's
house mother.

WEATHER

By United Press
North California: Fair Tues-
day and Wednesday.What Christian
Science Does about
"Growing Older"The tick of time first
taunts man with his lack of
experience, then haunts
him with the lengthening
shadow of advancing years.Christian Science teaches
in a plain, practical way how
to escape the web of resig-
nation to all such mortal
measurements.It shows how to find the
blessed ground of spiritual
understanding, which is age-
less, endless, and results in
human health and freedom.SCIENCE AND
HEALTH with
Key to the Scriptures
by Mary Baker Eddy