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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 30, 1922

It was Saturday. Jackson county Sheriff Syd I. Brown starts organization of group for special guard duty "in connection with the war effort."

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Savants are trying to determine why the sky is blue scientifically.

30 YEARS AGO May 30, 1922

It was Monday. Civil war veterans marching in Memorial day parade here include William Colvig, Frank Mendez, J. C. Wood, Augustus A. Tylee and L. P. Hubbard.

Howdy Wilcox wins 500-mile automobile race at Indianapolis with average speed of 104.144 miles an hour.

40 YEARS AGO May 30, 1912

It was Tuesday. More than 200 students receive diplomas in county-wide commencement exercises in Ashland Chautauqua building.

Memorial flag raising ceremonies at Sacred Heart hospital include talk by Hob S. Deuel and prayer led by Col. W. H. Paine, American Legion chaplain.

40 YEARS AGO May 30, 1912

It was Thursday. Dawson wins Indianapolis speedway auto races at average speed of 78.9 miles an hour for 500 miles; Ralph DePalma breaks 100-mile record; Eddie Rickenbacker forced out of race by tire trouble.

Local anglers plan to test new state law closing Rogue river to commercial fishing.

Sen. Morse Asks Investigation of Incidents at Kojie

Washington (U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse has called for an on-the-spot investigation by some members of the Senate Armed Services Committee of the Kojie island prison camp disturbances.

The Oregon Republican, a member of the committee, told the Senate Thursday that "we haven't gotten to the bottom yet of the Kojie problem."

He said disciplinary action against three general officers involved was "exceedingly wise," but "we shouldn't consider it a closed incident."

Brig. Gens. Francis T. Dodd and Charles F. Colson were broken to colonel, and their immediate superior, Brig. Gen. Paul F. Yount, was reprimanded.

Morse revealed it was he who requested that the three officers be brought here for questioning by the Armed Services Committee. Committee members agreed at a closed meeting last Friday.

Army Secretary Frank Pace Jr., assured the group that Dodd, Colson and Yount would be returned to testify.

Casey Park Change Protested

Action of the state highway commission's parks division in opening Casey State Park to overnight camping is drawing vigorous protest from organizations and individuals in the upper Rogue vicinity.

OREGON has over 180 state parks, in all parts of the state, in which are provided parking space, picnic tables, cooking facilities and rest rooms for picnickers and the passing motorists.

THE Upper Rogue River association, composed of residents, businessmen, ranchers and sportsmen interested in the area, has written Governor Douglas McKay, the state highway commission, and the commission's parks division, setting forth the opposition to the overnight camping project, the letter stating in part:

"Casey State Park has for many years been the chief picnic area for this section of southern Oregon and northern California. It is particularly and uniquely well suited for picnic purposes and is always heavily patronized.

"Without exception, people of this section are 'up in arms' in regard to this proposed action by the state department and they definitely do not wish to lose their best picnic place.

According to Carroll D. Watson of Shady Cove, who is secretary of the Upper Rogue River association, the Shady Cove Rotary club and Grange chapters in that section are also entering official protests against the state's plan.

A resident of the Trail neighborhood has pointed out to The Mail Tribune that Casey Park, being relatively small and lying between the River and the highway, would not be able to accommodate campers and trailer houses and still leave room for "the amazingly large number of people who bring their families and friends to enjoy a day's outing there."

IF CASEY Park were located in a more isolated spot, where privately operated campgrounds, motels and other improved accommodations were lacking, the state's action would be more understandable.

Inasmuch as it does not appear that there is immediate and pressing need for additional camping and trailer house facilities, it might be advisable for the state to continue to restrict the present Casey Park boundaries to picnicking only, as it has in the past, until a thorough investigation can be made.

IF SUCH an investigation proved that privately maintained camping accommodations are inadequate and that more should be installed, it would be time enough then for the state to enter the picture.

Casey Park and Tou Velle Park, the latter several miles down the river, are two of the most popular spots on the Rogue, crowded each evening and holiday throughout the summer by picnicking families and other groups.

Thoughts for Memorial Day

I stood in the midst of a military cemetery that lay on a gently sloping hill. Far to the left and far to right and up to the crest of the hill and beyond were row on row of white crosses, each cross standing like a guard of honor for the man whose name it bore.

You can read about men dying in battle, about one, or a score or a hundred being killed in this place or that and it's just another news story. But you can't stand in the presence of those crosses—those many, many crosses—and not be appalled at the fruits of war.

WHO were these young men? Where did each one come from? What were their hopes, their ambitions, their goals in life? Where did each one meet his tragic fate and why, WHY did he have to die?

Questions, but no answers. An emptiness inside and nothing to ease it. Then a prayer for peace, a real peace, a lasting peace, springs to the lips. But no words are spoken. Peace can be prayed for but this alone is not enough. It must be worked for. And as never before the individual responsibility for peace surges within. The promise to live better, to strive harder for a better world, fills the heart. These men must not have died in vain.

And they will not, if in your heart and mine that promise be kept.—The California Commentator.

WEATHER By United Press

Kelso (U.P.)—Marine Pfc. Edwin Eugene Hanley, 22, Friday faced a mandatory prison term of a maximum of 20 years in the Washington state penitentiary for the slaying of a 55-year-old Longview school teacher.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I'm gettin' Murkey ready for the dog show. If you got any more toilet water or stuff around, I'll be needin' it."

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Who is this country's youngest great-grandmother? Mrs. Celina Belcourt, of Seattle, was a great-grandmother at 49.

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Sweetland Election Committee Reports \$1826 Expenditure

Salem—(U.P.)—The committee campaigning for reelection of Monroe Sweetland, Portland, as national Democratic committeeman from Oregon spent \$1826.98, the listing in the State Election Bureau showed Friday.

Mike M. De Cicco, Portland, who unsuccessfully opposed Sweetland in the May 16 primary, spent \$327.23.

Gladys M. Dunbar, treasurer of Lillian M. Burton for Democratic National committeewoman for Oregon, spent \$195.93.

Walter Norblad, Astoria, candidate for the Republican nomination for reelection as representative in Congress from the first Oregon district, spent \$209.60.

Giles L. French, Moro, spent \$671.26 in his campaign for Republican nomination for representative in Congress from the second Oregon district.

Lamar Tooz, chairman of the Newbury for Secretary of State, spent \$1336.98 in behalf of Earl T. Newbury for Republican nomination for reelection. Newbury was without opposition in the primary, as was Edith Green, Portland, Democratic nominee for secretary of state.

W. A. Johnson, Grants Pass, spent \$124.08 in his campaign for Republican nomination for state senator from the 7th district. Josephine county.

Thomas E. Griffith, secretary of George Stadelman for senator, spent \$991.84 in behalf of Stadelman for the Republican nomination for state senator from the 16th district, Hood River and Wasco counties.

Frank C. Robinson, Oregon City, spent \$275.93 in his campaign for Democratic nomination for Clackamas county district attorney.

Pickett, who lives in Coquille, spent \$238.26 himself.

What Other Editors Think

By Charles A. Sprague, Editor Oregon (Salem) Statesman

The best victory for good government recorded in the Oregon elections last week was in the nomination of Walter Nunley, young Medford lawyer for District Attorney of Jackson county, over the incumbent Paul W. Haviland. I should add that it was a victory for Bob Ruhl, editor of The Mail Tribune, who did a most effective job in editorial support of Nunley.

The issue was the non-enforcement of gambling laws, which was alleged by Nunley. After Nunley took his stand, promising strict law enforcement Ruhl wrote his initial editorial on the theme that this is "a government of laws and not of men." Noting that this venerable doctrine was frequently mouthed with particular reference to national affairs he invited attention to its local application, and called "all good men to come to the aid" not of party but of principle and support Nunley.

Did "all good people" come to his aid? They did not. Instead many of the "best people" went after Ruhl for endorsing Nunley and opposing the incumbent. The letter issued a statement to the effect that whenever complaint was brought to his office of law violations he would proceed to enforce the law. It was a matter of common knowledge, however, that private clubs had plenty of iron bandits operating, using their share of the take from these illicit devices to pay for club operations. Nunley publicized the facts; but still many of the "best people" defended the old custom of robbing the suckers by these bandit machines.

The crushing blow came on the eve of the election when Editor Ruhl poured out the evidence that he had collected to prove that the laws were not being enforced, that it was the duty of the district attorney to ferret out crime and not wait for persons to come and file complaints. He quoted, without naming them, high state officials both as to local conditions and local responsibilities.

The result? Nunley 5,969; Haviland 4,789.

In his comment after the election Ruhl paid his tribute "not to the Big Shots, not to the Upper Bracketeers, not to the Board of Directors—but to the small—very small—stockholders."

Pickers To Be Needed

Salem—(U.P.)—Thousands of pickers will be called into Oregon's strawberry fields during June for what looks to be one of the largest harvests the state has experienced, the State Employment Service said Thursday.

Reports from its 28 local offices received by service headquarters here said from 50,000 to 60,000 workers will be needed to cover 17,000 acres at the height of the picking, about mid-June.

Court Records

POLICE COURT

Robert W. Kimbrell, overlength load, court costs only.

Jack R. Waldmann, overlength load, \$20.

Robert L. Hucker, no operator's license, \$6.

Robert L. Vonder Hellen, overlength load, \$20.

Anthony W. Lillywhite, overlength load, \$20.

ELKS COURT

Betty M. Sebring vs. Clarence H. Sebring, waiver of defendant in divorce case.

La Jean Pence vs. Harold Pence, divorce complaint.

Elsa Jean Fykerude vs. Kenneth Melvin Fykerude, divorce complaint, waiver of defendant and divorce decree.

Probate Department

Fascism and Nazism Said Far From Dead

By PHIL NEWSOM United Press Foreign Analyst

When Italian partisans hung Mussolini by his heels from a Milan filling station and Adolph Hitler died in a tunnelled hideout beneath his Reichschancellery, most of us had the naive thought that we were through with Fascism and Nazism.

The years since 1945 have brought many disappointments and now we can add a couple of others to the list.

Fascism and Nazism are far from dead.

Not long ago a German witness before a U. S. congressional committee in Germany began testimony with the Nazi salute. Direct Insult

It was a direct insult but nobody paid much attention in the press of other business. Besides, it could be written off as a momentary bit of bravado.

Much more concrete evidence comes from Italy where Premier Alcide de Gasperi's center coalition won a hollow victory in Italy's local elections over the Communists on the left and the Monarchists and neo-Fascists on the right.

The MSI platform a la Mussolini, is: Arming against invasion from either East or West, rejecting all treaties not based on "equality"—the Atlantic Pact, it says, was forced on Italy and therefore is bad-return of Trieste, return of the "corporative" state of Fascism which outlawed strikes and socialized industry, and a form of national Socialism as forecast to Marxist Socialism.

The MSI only needs to take about 70 seats in the Italian Chamber of Deputies to give Italy the same sort of unstable government from which France has been suffering.

Vote Increases

The Movimento Sociale Italiano (MSI) which picked up Mussolini's bag of political tricks, this year also picked up 28 per cent of the Italian vote as opposed to only two per cent in 1948.

Fortunately, up to now, neither the Fascists in Italy nor the Nazis in Germany have a real leader.

In Italy, the closest thing to

Morris Charged With Questionable Role in Surplus Tanker Deals

Washington—(U.P.)—Senate investigators charged Thursday that Newbold Morris played a major role in "questionable and in some instances illegal practices" in surplus tanker deals by Chinese-financed companies represented by his law firm.

The recently-fired corruption cleanup chief was a principal target of a 40-page report by the Senate Permanent Investigating Committee on its inquiry into big profits in surplus tanker transactions by a group headed by former Rep. Joseph E. Casey, D-Mass.

"Tax Evasions Found

The report, filed with the Senate by Chairman Clyde R. Hoey, D-N.C., said the committee found instances of "tax evasion" in some of the Casey tanker deals, "violations of the civil provisions" of shipping laws, and "activities which violated the spirit, and in many instances, the actual letter of the law."

The committee recommended "prompt and vigorous" action by the Justice Department on law violations and by the Internal Revenue Bureau to recover tax evasions by some of the corporations involved in operations of the ships.

Hoey said both agencies are investigating.

Profit Grabbing Charged

The committee accused the Casey group of "profit-grabbing" in violation of the spirit of maritime laws. It said Morris "did not make a factual statement" when he denied making any personal profit from the complicated transactions.

Eight surplus government tankers were obtained by the Casey group at fixed legal prices totaling \$12,262,000 in 1947 and 1948. But the committee said Casey and his associates made a gross profit of \$2,250,000 in less than three years on actual cash investments of only \$101,000. They financed the rest through loans and pre-arranged charters.

Record Travel Year Expected in Oregon

Salem (U.P.)—Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury said Thursday that it looks like a record year for summertime travel in Oregon.

April gasoline sales topped those in April a year ago by 1,500,000 gallons, his survey showed.

April gasoline consumption totaled 47,336,618 gallons, up 15 per cent over March sales and a new record for the month. Motor vehicle fuel taxes grossed \$2,840,196, of which about 11 per cent will be returned to non-highway users in the form of refunds.

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