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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 June 8, 1942

(It was Saturday)

Robert Newland, former Medford high school star athlete and member of University of Oregon track and basketball teams, enlists in marine corps.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Sledge Post column: The senior class of Old Medford were handed their sheepskins Thursday evening and turned out on a cruel, cold world, now in a record state of messiness.

20 YEARS AGO June 6, 1932

(It was Monday)

Early morning earthquake shakes Medford; quake believed to center near Eureka, Calif., where one person was killed and three injured.

Meeting of Medford jobless scheduled; unemployed men and their wives to discuss relief measures.

30 YEARS AGO June 8, 1922

(It was Tuesday)

Ex-trainer for Jack Dempsey arrives here to establish Medford Athletic club; to set up open air gymnasium for amateur boxing.

Local weather bureau reports last three days of May were hottest in years here; temperatures of 91, 93 and 97 recorded.

40 YEARS AGO June 6, 1912

(It was Wednesday)

Four men killed, four others injured in explosion at Jacksonville quarry; powderman smoking cigarette blamed for accident.

Southern Pacific railroad announces plans to send first refrigerated car to Rogue valley; car to carry local eggs, butter and other perishable products on fast run to Portland.

Foots Creek

Foots Creek—Howard Stevenson moved last week to the Snelling property which he recently bought. It is known as part of the former Champlin property.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family, who have been living there have moved to Cave City.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Miller on Decoration day were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Myers of Dunsmuir, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eddings of Oakridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Cameron of Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hope and son Lance, of Medford, visited Decoration day with Mrs. Hope's grandmother, Mrs. George Lance.

Friends here of Mrs. Lee Kille of Rogue River were sorry to learn she is a patient in a Medford hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, Mrs. V. Cook, of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen and Mrs. George Lance were dinner guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLallen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lukowski and son and two daughters of Portland, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Perfontaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dunlop and family of Medford, spent May 30 with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Salmons and sons.

Editorial Correspondence

En route to Washington, D. C., via "The Overland," June 3—The paper at the Ferry Building had the banner "Steel Seizure Declared Illegal."

That was as predicted, but the line-up of the judges was NOT. In fact, the most satisfactory thing about this Supreme Court verdict was this extraordinary alignment.

The three most conservative members supported the President and labor. The three most liberal members did not. They supported that colossus of the capitalist world, United States Steel.

Well, as far as this department is concerned, when ultra-liberal Supreme Court Justices like Black, Frankfurter and Douglas, turn down labor and uphold a billion—guess it's a 2 or 3 billion dollar corporation now—that's NEWS!

And it also removes all doubt the majority decision was correct and can be accepted as FINAL.

The next move on the agenda is up to the Congress.

But with the presidential campaign on, the chance of any satisfactory legislation this year is practically nil. The rabid Republicans will try to outlaw any presidential powers of seizure of private property whatever the loyal Democrats—if any!—will try to legalize it when the safety and security of the country is threatened. Unless some miracle occurs this will result in a lot of oratory—for vote-getting purposes only—and nothing else.

Another good thing about the result was the absence of another five to four decision.

Six to three makes it two to one and that is so MUCH better—only the change of ONE vote, but the general moral effect will be so much more than that.

As this is being written nothing has been heard from President Truman. Perhaps he will have something to say at Thursday's press conference—and we hope to be there. We hope, also, that this time his "Supreme Excellency" will look BEFORE he makes his verbal leap—not after!

Around Roseville, where so many cars of Medford pears are routed for the East, the foothills are beginning to dry up and irrigation ditches are full, but as the train climbs to 7000 feet everything is wet and green, the Truckee river far down below, a torrent of green water with angry white caps, and in many places the water over the banks and swirling through valley gardens and around fruit trees. In other words, the snow has started to melt, and as the recent winter broke all snow records up here the acres and acres of deep snow, as June starts, are surprising. Plenty of water this year—and we fear in some places too much!

The good old "Overland" has had its face lifted, has a new hair-do and has taken to rouge.

Too bad in a way and yet trains have to keep up with this U. S. passion for speed—or ELSE! Not so very long ago it took the Overland 74 hours from S. F. to Chicago, now it only takes a few minutes over 48. The "City of San Francisco" is, of course, much faster. It leaves Oakland five hours after this train and reaches Chicago three hours before. The City is only around 100 miles back of us now and when we reach Cheyenne late this afternoon it will pass us. (This is being typed near Green River, Wyoming.) Well, who cares who wins the race? It took us a week the last time we motored the same route—and we didn't exactly saunter. So this is fast enough, thank you!

Because of the reduction in time, the "Overland" doesn't stop more than a few minutes anywhere between Sacramento and Cheyenne. As a result a group of four women, who played Canasta all the way in the apartment next to ours, nearly missed their divorce-dates—if that was the purpose of their Reno visit—and we suspect it was. This was largely the porter's fault—he shows about as much zip and zing as "Stepin Fetchit" in his most languid role. (He might BE Stepin Fetchit, or has "Step" returned to the screen?)

The gals finally tumbled off with hats in their hands, and their luggage strewn all over the deserted platform. Just as the train started, and as your correspondent swung aboard (well, make it CLIMBED), one of them looked about her, north, south, east and west, then shrieked: "Where ARE the red-caps?"

"Where WERE they?"

It reminded us of Dunsmuir during the darkest days of the war.

Another member of the quartet made the same survey and then threw her pretty head back and addressing the heavens above, cried:

"I never HEARD of such a thing!"

Well, if this is her first visit to "the biggest little city in the world," she will see and hear many things she has never seen or heard before, ere the divorce papers are secured—assuming, again that IS the purpose.

The rivers and creeks along the right-of-way are almost as near the flood stage here in Wyoming as they were in Nevada. And to make matters no better it is raining. Nice and warm and cozy in the train, however, glad we are not out there on the slick highway straining at the wheel of a 1940 motor-car.

Wyoming is about all that is left of the real Wild West. Except for Cheyenne which is larger, the state has—from a car window at least—changed practically none at all in the 40 years we have been crossing it. The same treeless hills; the same sagebrush—mile after mile—the same little shacks, sod huts and little frontier towns, and now and then a few cattle, perhaps a chuck-wagon and a cowboy in the distance. It always has had a special interest for the distaff member of the household, however, for her mother secured a large cattle ranch near Buffalo, Wyoming, many years ago, and lived there with two daughters until her death.

Just to show what a tremendous role "Lady Luck" plays in human affairs—particularly in the material realm—had that ranch NOT been sold when practically all the alleged experts advised its sale, well—hold everything!—with porterhouse steaks at their present price and with oil wells gushing next door—what a different life a certain group of American citizens would have led—and still be leading!—Oh, what MIGHT have been!

At this point some "Kill Joy" arises to interject the inevitable: "So WHAT? It would all have to go to Uncle Sam ANYWAY!" But, of course, it WOULDNT!

Nothing makes the undersigned more irritated than the people fortunate enough to have large incomes (on which, OF COURSE, they must—and should—particularly in times like these—pay large income taxes), weeping and wailing over their tragic fate.

They should be ashamed of themselves!

How about the people who have no incomes to pay taxes ON; and more important, the people with small incomes who do have to pay income taxes which leave them with barely enough to live on?

To hear some of these higher-bracket birds carry on, one would think they hardly know where their next meal is coming from—and they are also the ones who are all the time playing that old inebriated record, how the U.S.A. is only half a step short of the abyss of socialism. HORSE-FEATHERS!

If a few more of them could be deported, instead of so many honest foreigners who want to come over here and WORK for a living, being kept out of the country by the McCarran type of hard-shelled and reactionary bigots—the country would be the better for it. MUCH better!

Income taxes are high of course, why shouldn't they be? Especially when a war is on, and the country's unavoidable expenses are so tremendous?

And why is it so many of these fat boys at the weeping wall of self-pity can't see the plain fact, to wit:

No U. S. citizen is asked to pay a LARGE income tax who HASN'T a LARGE income! And the larger the tax is, the larger the income HAS to be!

We have just FLASHED by Rock Springs and note the citizens of that famous coal town can (if they wish), go to see Robert Mitchum, the droopy-eyed dope of darkest Hollywood, tonight in "Outlaw Women!" Who says Wyoming is getting too rapidly civilized?—R.W.R.

Salem — (U.P.) — Richard Eoff, four years ago, died this week whose wife attempted to shoot him while he was in Marion Warden Virgil J. O'Malley said county jail in downtown Salem Thursday.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I can tell you what they're goin' for, mister—tie on a yellah jellybean!"

Singman Rhee's Plan To Retain Presidency Returns Him to News

By PHIL NEWSOM United Press Foreign Analyst

The man who is South Korea's greatest hero and at the same time one of its most exasperating figures is back in the news again.

He is Singman Rhee, president of the Republic of Korea.

His heroic proportions and his exasperating qualities are indivisible since they are expressions of the same idea — an independent and democratic Korea. He has fought for it for nearly 60 years and not even physical torture has swerved him from it.

As a result, the Communists have promised to hang him if they catch him.

Even as a man with a Communist price on his head, Rhee has not hesitated to hurl thunderbolts at the United Nations who are his best friends.

Threatened Lone War

He once threatened to carry on the war against the North Korean Communists alone if the United Nations compromised with the Reds on a plan which would leave a divided Korea.

It is Rhee's singleness of purpose that has brought him into the news again.

He wants to take the election of a Korean president out of the hands of Parliament and put the decision up to a popular vote.

Parliament opposes him and the result is a political crisis, of concern to the United States, Britain and all nations participating in South Korean defense and the current Korean truce talks.

Most Popular Figure

Underlying factor in the dispute is the fact that Rhee still is easily South Korea's most popular figure. On the other hand, his high-handed actions in what he believes are the best interests of the country have won him many enemies in the Assembly.

If the vote is left to the Assembly, Rhee cannot be re-elected.

Rhee's ancestry stems from Korean royalty, but throughout his life he has been both a revolutionary and a missionary.

Can't Forget Tortures

The tough old president can never forget his hard days as a revolutionary or the tortures he underwent in jail, and it doesn't make him easier on his political foes now.

At one point in jail, his torturers mashed his fingers and drove lighted sticks beneath his fingernails.

Today, while deep in thought, he frequently blows absent-mindedly on his damaged fingers.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Governor Warren, as most unprejudiced observers expected, sweeps his own state and will go into the Republican national convention with 70 California delegates at his back. In the tight race that has developed between General Eisenhower and Senator Taft, that will make him a figure to be reckoned with.

In Tuesday's primary election, he defeated a pro-Taft slate technically pledged to Representative Werdell, who quarreled sharply with Warren's espousal of progressive policies.

His decisive victory—he is leading the Werdell slate by approximately two to one as this is written—indicates that California Republicans lean toward instead of shying away from moderate and intelligent liberalization of the GOP.

SOUTH DAKOTA, at the hour when this is written, is a REAL race. At the moment the lead has been seesawing back and forth all morning between Taft and Eisenhower) Taft is 521 votes ahead in the tussle for delegates.

Partly because the campaign has been bitter and partly because South Dakota is the last of the really interesting primaries before convention time, the primary there has been regarded as highly significant. South Dakota has been generally looked upon as Taft territory, and it has been conceded that if the Ohio senator should lose to Ike it would be a body blow.

In view of the closeness of the vote, about all South Dakota proves is something that everybody knew already—that the Republican national convention in July will be an exciting affair.

BOTH California and South Dakota lend emphasis to something that has been obvious for some time.

Watch Kefauver.

It is about as apparent as anything can be that Kefauver is the choice of rank and file Democrats the country over. In primary after primary, that conclusion has stood out. Even in Florida, where he lost a technical decision, he won a moral victory by getting a lot more votes than he was expected to get.

Taft and Eisenhower Expose Methods for Political Campaign

By LYLE C. WILSON

Washington — (U.P.) — In the same week, Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower have exposed their campaign methods to the voters. They are as different as black and white.

Eisenhower told Abilene news conference questioners that he would not name names in his campaign for the Republican nomination or for the presidency, if nominated.

Three days earlier in a major speech Taft said, "There must be no hesitancy in attacking the foreign policy of Mr. Truman and Mr. Acheson."

Eisenhower said he could not identify any individuals with the loss of China to Communism. Taft consistently has held FDR, President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Eisenhower's friend and associate, Gen. George C. Marshall, largely responsible for that.

To a question whether he approved of Truman-administration foreign policy, Eisenhower replied, in part:

"Of course to start with, I have never been part of any administration, and therefore have never been either part of any organization that has helped make the total foreign policy of the

United States. The only thing I have supported is this: The basic conception that if we allow Western Europe to fall within the Communist orbit, the danger to us is so highly increased that our expenses will raise up so . . . as to be backbreaking and it will be a mortal danger."

Far Apart in Methods

In this week's speech, Taft said: "I hope all Republicans can combine on a platform and campaign condemning the incompetence and lack of judgment and pro-Communist sympathies of those who have guided our policies from Yalta and Potsdam until today."

On many general party policies the two men were in substantial agreement. But they are far apart in the methods by which they would present them to the voters in a presidential campaign.

On some questions they were equally pessimistic.

Eisenhower: "I do not believe in the present situation there is any clean cut answer to bringing the Korean war to successful conclusion."

Taft: "The war in Korea continues without visible results. We could have won if we had followed the advice of General MacArthur."

Babson - Warning to Women

By Roger W. Babson

Babson Park, Mass., June 6 (Special to Mail Tribune) There is an old proverb which states that he who laughs to excess will eventually undergo an equal strain of tears. In its way, the proverb is restating Newton's law of action and reaction — an extreme in one direction is eventually balanced by an extreme in an opposite direction. This carries a warning to women.

Cycles exist in every phase of living. There is a cyclical pattern in the role of women in industry. Women rose from "hewers of wood" to positions of importance as homemakers; and then back again. Today women are active in all phases of business. Homemaking now appears secondary. This change was brought about by a recognition, during wartime, that women are equal to men in production.

But this temporary change in the position of women has occurred at times in the past. In days of Greece, society centered around the household; but later women took charge of the businesses of fathers and husbands who were away at war. Ancient literature reveals that women were regarded alternately with great esteem, having a high degree of personal freedom, and then as slaves. Women may again lose their present freedom.

Cycles in Styles

Noted Through Years

Styles have passed through similar cycles. Originally, women wore as little as possible; later they loaded themselves with a dozen skirts. Now the change is turning back to few clothes as the law permits. Short dresses are followed by long dresses, and then back again to short gresses. Gloves, hats, shoes, colors and hair styles likewise change by cycles.

Readers whose businesses are affected by styles should remember that present styles are only temporary. Future styles will change as much as past styles. Merchants should realize that their ability is best shown by their adaptability. In fact, the greatest profits come from change. Most business failures are due to an unwillingness to change in time.

Troubadours Idolized Women for Beauty

What then caused the swing from a time when women were doing only drudgery? It was the age of chivalry, brought about by gracious living and more courteous manners. Troubadours idolized women on the basis of youth and physical beauty—not for ability or achievement.

More changes came about. The industrial revolution found women entering factories and again seeking freedom. Political revolutions in Europe and America emphasized "liberty and equality." Women again discovered they could not depend upon beauty to develop careers or to vote.

Interests Again Found Not Confined to Homes

Women have again found that their interests are not confined within four walls of their homes. Florence Nightingale and Jane Addams have their modern counterparts in every area of public and home life. Many women now skillfully combine business careers with homemaking. This is shown by the fact that while women in industry have increased, nearly 4,000,000 babies are being born annually. Services of women are needed

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What Goes on at the Capital. Furnished by Congressional Quarterly News Features.

Q — I've heard about a tax deduction plan to help Congressmen make ends meet. What's it all about?

A—The House May 15 approved and sent to the Senate an amendment to let Congressmen deduct Washington living expenses from their income tax. Rep. John W. McCormack, D. Mass., said this would remove a "discrimination" against Congressmen, since other taxpayers can deduct expenses while away from home on business. Senate GOP leader Styles Bridges, R. N.H., believed most Senators favored the provision, but with a limit "so a fellow couldn't write off a \$500-a-month apartment."

Q — Has Congress ever settled the civil rights controversy?

A—No. The issue of equal rights for racial and religious minorities has been simmering for nearly a century. Some of the legislation Congressmen have debated and voted on, without final decision, would ban the poll tax, lynching, job discrimination, and segregation in the armed services. Two of the issues were settled to an extent when the President ordered a no-discrimination policy for federal job hiring and a military anti-segregation policy.

Q — What sort of a controls bill did the Senate Banking committee approve?

A—The bill it approved May 21 would permit wage and price controls until next March 1 and extend credit and rent controls and allocations of scarce materials until June 30, 1953. It would continue the Capetart and Herlong amendments providing for upward price revisions, set up a new wage policy board, relax curbs on dairy product imports, and advise the government to end controls as soon as possible.

Q — Does a Congressman have to live in the district he represents?

A—No. The only requirements for a U. S. Representative, as set forth in the Constitution, are: Residence in the state represented, U. S. citizenship for seven years, and 25 years of age.

Q — Just what does a Congressman do?

A—A first term Congressman, Rep. Edmund P. Radwan, R. N.Y., sized up his job this way. He should study bills (there are thousands each session), listen to House debates, attend Committee meetings, and take care of a large volume of office work. Also, his vast amount of mail — some taking sides on bills, some making requests — requires study, replies and often visits to government agencies. In addition, he tries to help many veterans who bring him their problems.

Q — Why didn't a pension increase for the old folks pass May 19 when more than half the House voted for it?

A—The 149-114 House vote was on a motion to "suspend the rules" and pass the bill. Approval of this shortcut, by-passing the Rules committee and cutting debate time, requires a two-thirds vote. Sponsor Robert L. Doughton, D., N.C., said he wanted to hurry the bill so the Senate would have time to consider it before Congress adjourns. The bill still can be brought before the House under the usual rules.

Q — What was the House's objection to granting an old-age pension increase?

A—Rep. Daniel A. Reed, R. N.Y., leading debate against the bill "blocked" May 19 by the House, said he favored the pension increase, but opposed a provision which would let the government determine disability. He read an American Medical Association telegram saying such federal authority would amount to "socialized medicine." The bill would raise payments, increase the amount a person could earn without losing benefits, and give disabled persons full benefit rights.

Q — How much is the Korean war costing the U.S.?

A—About \$5 billion annually, Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes, D. Fla., told the House May 20 before it approved a \$1.4 billion appropriation to pay part of the cost of the Korean campaign. Sikes heads a military appropriations subcommittee.

Q — How many votes does it take to expel a Senator?

A—Either the House or Senate can expel one of its members by a two-thirds vote. In past expulsion cases, this has been interpreted to mean two-thirds of those present and voting, provided a quorum (more than half the membership) is in the chamber. Thus, in the Senate, if all 96 members voted, expulsion would require 64 votes. With only a quorum (49) present, expulsion could carry on 33 votes.

MAKES CAR LAST

Shelby, Miss. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Lottie Turney's automobile is 16 years old but she's never spent a nickel for motor repairs. She's driven only 31,000 miles and never been more than 65 miles from home.

Table Rock

Table Rock—Ed Robinson has purchased a new hay baler and is kept busy tying up hay for himself and neighbors.

The Ray Doran family accompanied by Ray's father, Dan Doran and Mrs. Doran's mother, Mrs. Williams, were week-end visitors in Portland going one way by the coast highway and the other on Highway 99.

Mrs. Geo. Loftin of Sams Valley was a visitor here one day last week working in the interest of the Antioch Cemetery association.

Ted Morava, an old hand at sheep shearing, finished shearing the community sheep last week.

Letters from the Pacific Wool Growers to members here state that they are advancing thirty-five cents per pound on this year's wool, compared to \$1 a pound advanced a year ago.

The Hull orchards are now among the many local orchards and farms using sprinkler systems to help keep the soil moist.

Norman Higby of the Eagle Point district has bought the first cutting of alfalfa on the J. S. Richardson farm, also the vetch and barley crop on the Sage place, which they are cutting and putting into silos.

Sam Glass of the U. S. Marines in training at San Diego, Calif., is home for a week's leave of absence and is spending a good part of it helping with the hay on the John Nealon farm.

Clyde Halfhill of the Navy is also spending a few days vacation at his home here.

Born May 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Richardson at Portland, a nine pound and nine ounce baby girl named Debra. Judging from the names of the family members—Donald, Doreen, Diane, Dennis and Debra—the Richardson's must be partial to the letter D.

Graduating at Crater High this week from this community are Miss Betty Blackwood and Miss Marsha Doran.

Three large culverts put under the road north of Bybee bridge by a county crew are carrying overflow irrigation water from the east side of the road on to the Hauser property and causing considerable damage to crops according to