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Flight of Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

June 27, 1942

(It was Saturday)

Fourth of July war bond sales campaign gets underway here; while ribbons given each person purchasing a bond.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: The local supply of rumors has been exhausted. This is the same shape people who believed all of them are in.

20 YEARS AGO

June 27, 1922

(It was Monday)

Check station on Highway 99 south of Medford counts 2,264 cars passing in an eight-hour period.

Medford police chief Clatous McCredie reminds local residents that city ordinances forbid use of fireworks within the city limits.

30 YEARS AGO

June 27, 1922

(It was Tuesday)

Local orchardists estimate total of about 40 tons of cherries will be shipped from Rogue valley during 1922; average daily shipments total about 1,500 pounds.

Earth slide breaks Medford city water supply in middle of record heat wave for June.

40 YEARS AGO

June 27, 1912

(It was Thursday)

Medford brick company awarded contract for construction of new lively stable at Eighth and Fir streets; stable to be constructed of "more than 200,000 made-in-Medford bricks."

Local political experts predict national Progressive party, headed by Theodore Roosevelt, may enter full slate of candidates in Jackson county for fall general election.

National Census May Be Taken in 1955, Is Belief

Portland—(U.P.)—A tradition-breaking national census may be taken in 1955, Dr. Harold M. Erickson, Oregon state health officer, has reported.

Dr. Erickson said statistical experts throughout the country were giving "active consideration" to the plan, proposed at a recent public health conference on records and statistics at Washington, D. C. Neither the census bureau nor the federal bureau of the budget have approved the plan, Dr. Erickson said.

Would Be First Time

If these agencies give approval and Congress authorizes the 1955 census, it will be the first time a national census has been taken on a five-year basis. The census now is taken every 10 years with the last population count made in 1950.

Dr. Erickson said "the extremely rapid growth in population, coupled with the complexity of our present civilization" prompted the five-year census proposal.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

Editorial Correspondence

New York City, June 23—We never expected to praise the New York climate, especially in mid-summer. But we not only praise it but consider it heavenly.

And it has been raining ever since we arrived to boot. That makes the humidity 100 per cent.

The mercury, however, is in the high 80's as this is typed. When we sortied out we had a sweater under the raincoat and still felt far from overheated. Grandpappy in consequence feels almost coltish, after the inferno known as Washington, D. C., anything this side of a Russian steam-room, would make any refugee feel similarly. Yep it IS the climate!

It is a crazy season here climatically. This is the sixth rainy week-end since April 15. Hard on the baseball receipts and, according to the radio, the Sugar-Ray Robinson fight tonight has been postponed until Wednesday. That won't help the fight receipts either. No radio or television except outside of Manhattan, however, ought to boost the attendance considerable.

Took in the boat races at New London on Friday, en route to New York from Washington. Three wonderful races although for the first time in 10 years Yale won two of them. Ran into the Len Carpenters at Stonington, they flew back from Europe where they spent a couple of months mostly in Denmark and Scandinavia (as the interesting travelogues from L.C. sent to The Mail Tribune related).

Proved to be a sort of Carpenter "old-home week," for on arrival here, had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Carpenter. They all looked well and seemed to feel ditto. The Harlows are leaving for Europe in September and may remain over there for architectural research for a year or more. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred leave Thursday for the coast.

Everyone asks "How do things look in Washington?" The answer is they LOOK bad!

But appearances in this instance may be deceiving — we hope so!

As related, we spent considerable time in the Senate gallery, stepped over to the House gallery once or twice.

The net impression is one of deep discouragement.

Of course, the weather may have had something to do with it, but that can't be blamed for the sentiments expressed by so many, and the actions taken, by the majority.

We hear a lot about the inequities of the political spoils-system; the dangers of inflation; the need of improved business methods in our government — and as the campaign warms up, will hear more.

But during those last few days, what did the congress do? They voted FOR the spoils system, refused to follow out the civil service reforms not only advocated by President Truman but former President Hoover; and they voted to abolish price and wage controls — practically all of them. And the latter action was taken when the official announcement was made that the high cost of living had reached a new peak.

Figure that sort of thing out if you can, we can't!

In ancient Rome only one man fiddled while the place burned. In Washington, D. C., mid-June, 1952, they all fiddled — or at least a majority of them.

And in a few weeks now, many of these same politicians will attend the conventions in Chicago. And it is as certain as anything can be they will not only talk for more efficiency, against inflation, and in favor of reducing the high cost of living but will vote that way. What is the answer — in broad outline it is simply this:

An anti-Truman coalition between the reactionary Republicans and the equally reactionary Dixiecrats is working every day in every way against the best interests of democracy and the welfare of this country.

As noted above, perhaps the cynical materialism, hypocrisy and sordid political maneuvering so evident in Washington at this time, do not represent the morals or the mood of the country as a whole. We surely hope they don't.

If they do then we believe the old gag about giving the USA back to the Indians would meet with considerable approval.

We wish those who still cling to the Taft ship as the best hope of U. S. survival could sit in the senate gallery a few days and listen to Robert Alphonso and his group of reactionary malcontents. Fortunately Brewster of Maine has been defeated, but the McCarthys, Jenners, Dirksens, Capeharts and their ilk are still functioning and fulminating — the exhibition could be inspiring and encouraging ONLY to Uncle Joe Stalin and his colleagues in the Kremlin who are so sure capitalistic democracy has within itself the seeds of its own destruction!

One must admit, however, that a majority of the top-bracket politicians in the Republican party in Washington — the leading 100 per cent organization members, are not only in favor of Senator Taft for their standard bearer this year, but would rather lose with him than win with anyone else. We predict this fact will become clearer and clearer as the time for the naming of the GOP presidential nominee approaches.

We could hardly believe our eyes when we read David Lawrence's column in the Herald-Tribune this morning — Lawrence has been one of the Ohio senator's most ardent champions and yet here is his verdict after a return from a month's sojourn in Europe, quote:

"If the Republican platform is hostile to Europe, or half-hearted in its support of American aid to Europe's democracies, peace in the world will be endangered. Moreover, millions of independent voters will then look toward the Democratic nominee for help."

However, such a conclusion is perhaps not so surprising when one considers the verdict of every news commentator and political news reporter we talked to when in Washington, WITHOUT A SINGLE EXCEPTION.

The verdict was unanimous: that while Senator Taft may well win the Republican nomination, he CAN'T win the election.

Even such cynical wise guys as Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson expressed the same opinion, not to the undersigned but over the air. — R.W.R.

Babson Discusses Accidents

By Roger W. Babson

New Boston, N. H., June 27—(Special to Mail Tribune)—The death of a friend has brought to my attention this week both the economic loss to the country and the personal loss to relatives from needless automobile accidents.

First, let me admit that these accidental deaths have not increased proportionately with the number of motor vehicles, although the deaths may have increased proportionately with the mileage operated. When I was a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, there were only four automobiles in the United States. When I was married in 1900, this had increased to only 8,000 automobiles, one of which I owned. Today there are about 45 million automobiles in operation. Truly this is a miraculous increase.

Unfortunately, most of the roads used today were laid out before automobiles were even dreamed of. The improvements in these roads have not begun to keep pace with the number of automobiles. This is primarily responsible for most accidents. We, however, are now entering a new road building industry of tremendous proportions. Great toll-roads, and super-highways, costing nearly \$1,000,000 per mile, are being built. Those looking for employment opportunities or business profits should study super-highways, underground parking, outdoor theaters and allied developments.

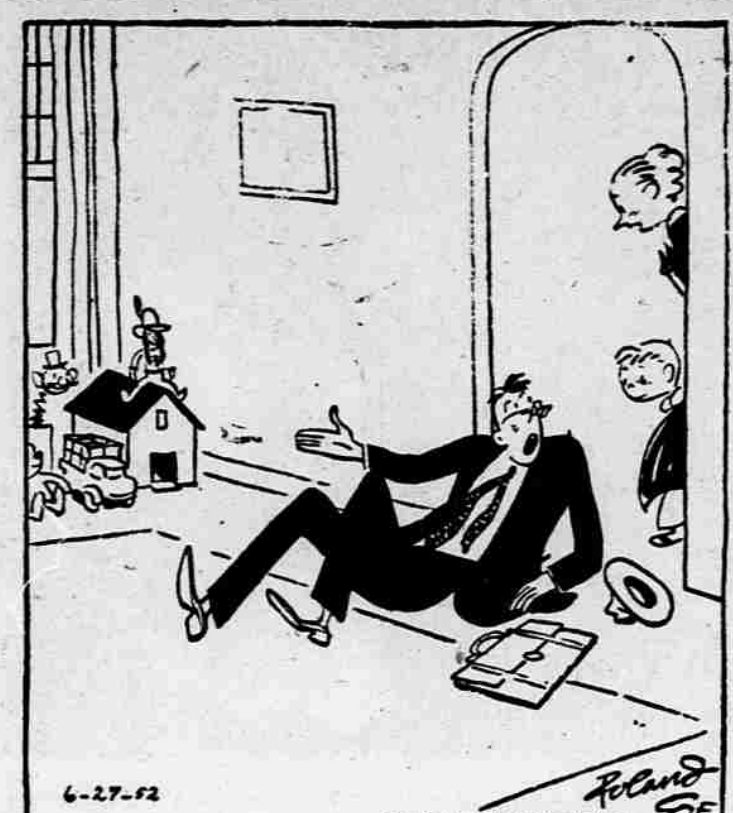
Estimated 40,000 Killed Last Year

It is estimated that there were about 40,000 persons killed by automobiles last year, and many, many times this number injured. Over one-third of these deaths were due to collisions; and about one-third from non-collision accidents, such as running off the road. About 10,000 needless deaths were the result of hitting careless pedestrians.

These new super-highways and improvements in existing roads should reduce the collision and non-collision accidents, as well as save time, gasoline and maintenance. (The only group to suffer

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I tried to sidestep the toys that are usually scattered all over just about here!"

Britain's Dislike of US Action in Korea Has Deep Foundation

By PHIL NEWSOM

United Press Foreign Analyst

Our British Allies don't like the way we're running the war. The surface bone of contention

is that we failed to consult with them before we bombed North Korea's Yalu river power plants.

But underneath, it's much more than that. It's the British fear that they will be dragged as our unwilling Allies into World War III. It's British poverty. It's the differences in British politics. It's Britain's other enormous commitments abroad. It's the fact that Britain is used to giving orders, not taking them.

And along with everything else, it's the fear born of poverty.

fer is investors in railroad stocks, which so many people are now rushing to buy due to temporary high defense earnings. Very little is now being done, however, to reduce the deaths of pedestrians. Ninety per cent of these are in cities and towns and could be eliminated. Any reader of this column may be the next pedestrian to be needlessly killed.

Obey Existing Police Rules for Safety

Every up-to-date community has traffic lights and traffic officers, but neither of these safety measures supply the necessary brains and self-control to prevent people from disobeying traffic regulations. Pedestrians cross streets in any place without regard for themselves, their families or the unfortunate auto driver who runs them down. In addition to 10,000 pedestrians being killed, 200,000 were injured.

Readers should resolve at once to cross streets only at intersections, and to obey carefully traffic lights where they exist. Children, at home and at school, should be trained to do this. Diagonal crossing of streets should be forbidden. Those who are caught doing so should be fined, and the money used to employ more traffic officers.

A New Source Of Traffic Officers

One economic problem today is finding work that the aged can do. While automobiles are increasing the number of deaths, modern drugs are increasing the length of life. This situation is being met by pensions, social security and old-age assistance. Unfortunately, politics has seriously entered the latter and the politicians are fighting over whether names should be made available to the public. Relief and old-age assistance are greatly increasing each year; in many cities the cost is second only to school costs. A large percentage of the tax dollar now goes to old-age assistance and relief.

Now here is my suggestion: Let us organize the able-bodied men and women who are now on relief as "Safety Monitors" in uniform. These individuals would work only a few hours a day; but contribute their time without pay. They should be stationed at different locations to prevent people from crossing the streets except at marked places. The very presence of these "Safety Monitors" would tremendously reduce the death and accident toll. By taking the names of those who fail to observe the traffic rules, fines could be collected which would materially reduce the cost of relief assistance. I am very serious about this suggestion and hope that every one of the 400 communities in which this column is published will give some thought to it.

Oregon Voters Expected To Have Chance To Ballot on Gambling

By WILLIAM WARREN

Salem — (U.P.) — It looks like Oregon voters will have a chance to pass on pari-mutuel betting next November.

But a move to return prohibition to Oregon apparently has fallen by the wayside, Dave O'Hara, head of the State Elections Bureau, said Thursday.

No completed petitions for initiative measures have yet been filed.

But a proposal backed by the Oregon Council of Churches to pari-mutuel betting on horse and dog racing, apparently has enough signatures to make the grade by the deadline July 3 — just one week from now.

Liquor by Drink Seen

Another initiative measure, to allow the sale of liquor by the drink over the bar apparently has a good chance to make the grade, O'Hara said. That measure, if successful, would remove the necessity of totting along a bottle whenever a person goes to a night club.

A proposed constitutional amendment which would shift a large part of the highway tax burden from the big trucks, who already have evaded \$2,000,000 imposed by the 1951 legislature in increased taxes, to the motoring public. It is an amendment promoted by the big trucks, spearheaded by former State Public Utilities Commis-

sioner George H. Flagg, to remove the ton-mile tax on trucks. It would leave them only with the plate fees and motor fuel oil taxes now paid by truckers and automobile owners alike, and would mean heavier expenses, officials here say, for the motorist.

Time Change Issue

Oregonians will apparently have another chance to pass another highly controversial issue — standard or daylight time. A measure backed by the Oregon Farmers union to keep Oregon on standard time and do away with daylight time in Oregon apparently will make the deadline. Observers here have expressed doubt of the workability of such a measure. They pointed out that several Oregon cities are on daylight time right now although Gov. Douglas McKay declined to designate fast time in Oregon, and all state offices have their clocks set at standard time.

A measure to reapportion the legislature has a chance. It is backed by Young Republicans and Young Democrats and the League of Women Voters.

Milk Control Talked

An echo of the colored oleomargarine fight in the 1951 legislative session is heard in an initiative measure to limit the authority of the state milk control administrator. It is backed by the affiliated milk committee of

which Irene Taylor of Portland is chairman and State Rep. Maurine Neuberger of Portland is a member. Rep. Neuberger led the fight for colored oleo in the house. The measure would enable the milk control administrator to establish minimum prices to the consumer but would remove his authority to establish minimum prices for the consumer. The effect of this would be to allow a differential for store-bought milk as against home-delivered milk.

Commercial Fishing

Another initiative with a chance to make the ballot would ban commercial fishing in coastal streams.

Apparently doomed to die with the July 3 deadline are measures to: bar barbering on Monday; bar commercial fishing at night on the Columbia river; appeal the bonus Oregonians voted in November, 1950, to their veterans of World War II; and establish a gross income tax to finance a \$100 a month old-age pension plan.

Nine acts referred by the legislature will be voted on. And three acts are being referred by petition — the truck tax increase, a cigarette tax of three cents a pack, and a school reorganization proposal which resulted from the survey of Oregon's school systems by Dr. T. C. Holey of Ohio state university.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Avrell Harriman, gunning for the Democratic nomination for President on a platform of complete and unequalled allegiance to Mr. Truman's foreign and domestic programs, tells an audience in Tacoma that the Democratic party now has a "phony majority" in congress of men masquerading as Democrats and calls for their ouster, along with the Republicans they vote with.

He refers to Republicans as "grim old pessimists."

Did you ever notice that a grim old pessimist frequently leaves his heels well heeled whereas the rosy optimists who believe in SOMETHING FOR NOTHING nearly always leave their descendants strapped and in debt?

THE National Geographic Society reports that 100 miles above the earth the wind blows 1,000 miles an hour, but adds:

"If you were up there in the ionosphere, exposed to those winds, you'd find them too weak to blow your hat off. The reason is that at such heights there is little atmosphere."

THAT is to say:

If you were up there and had a puncture you'd have a heck of a time blowing up a tire because there wouldn't be air enough to blow it up with.

I think I'll stay down here.

SAN FRANCISCO:

"Waxy Gordon, who rode in armored limousines when he was making two million dollars a year as underworld boss of New York's prohibition breweries, died at Alcatraz last night as plain Irvin Wexler, a sick old man under one prison sentence and facing another."

Brief epitaph:

Justice finally caught up with him.

RUSSIA tells the rest of the world to keep its planes away from Soviet territory or run the risk of having them shot down or interned. The Russian note adds: "Soviet planes NEVER violate the borders of other states."

If the Kremlin boys will agree to make that situation permanent, I'm in favor of calling it a deal and giving the Soviet border

Gov. Warren Explains Stand on Big Issues

Sacramento, Calif. — (U.P.) — three-point program to cut down by an unspecified amount what he called "excessive national taxation."

Warren's stand on other major issues included:

Economic controls—the whole idea of artificial controls on the economy of our nation is abhorrent to me. However, in times of grave national emergency, controls may be urgently required to maintain economic balance and prevent run-away inflations.

United Nations — The UN should be the cornerstone of our foreign policy.

Favors Military Training

Every young man should receive such training and hold himself in readiness for active service during the crisis. I would not send him away from home to a training camp for a year, or even six months. I would have the program geared to a higher educational program so that in one prolonged vacation period he could get basic training.

Health insurance — There must be a way to bring good medical care within the economic reach of these people families that are self-sustaining on a modest income. I believe it can be done in each state on the insurance principle, whereby people can prepay for their medical care.

Tax Saturation Felt

The California governor conceded federal taxes "have practically reached the saturation point" and came out with a

ders a wide berth.

IN FACT, I can think of nothing nicer than Russia as a COMPLETE isolationist — never permitting any of her own people to cross her borders on the way out and never allowing anybody on the outside to cross her border on the way in.

That would be wonderful.

IN WASHINGTON two Pacific Coast senators split on the merits of a bill to place a tariff of three cents a pound on imports of fresh and frozen tuna. (The bill was aimed at imports of tuna from Japan.)

Senator Cain of Washington endorsed the proposed tariff as a defense move, asserting that "a well equipped American tuna fleet is as important to our national defense as radar and supply ships."

Senator Cordon of Oregon opposed the bill on the ground that

Failure To Combat Red Lies With Truth Hit by Jenkins

Ashland — Russia's exploitation of a "divide and conquer" theory, explaining that key people in nations marked for absorption are told they will be given absolute power. As examples of the "big lie" technique, he referred to the familiar "Wall Street Dollar Chaser" characterization of Americans and the current germ warfare charge in Korea.

Influence Chance Lost

Jenkins said the United States lost any hope of exerting influence in Asia when the administration sided with European colonialists rather than freedom seeking nationalists. He explained that such opportunism on our part played directly into Russia's promise of self rule.

Turning to the national scene, the newspaper publisher said it is a great tragedy that the source of almost all news in this country is controlled by the White House, the Pentagon and the State Department. He said it is no longer possible to believe anything at face value, pointing out that the administration releases vital facts only as such information is needed to influence current legislation.

"There has been too much power in too few hands too long," the speaker concluded.

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