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Medford and Jackson County—History

from the files of the Mail

Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years

ago.

10 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1942

(It was Wednesday)

Sheriff Syd I. Brown an-

nounces that all mechanical gam-

bling devices (slot machines and

pinball machines) operated for

anything other than amusement

will be banned in Jackson coun-

ty starting Monday.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: The Fourth

of July on the Pacific coast, with

firecrackers tabooed, showed the

right before Christmas how to

be quiet.

20 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1922

(It was Friday)

Two Medford 17-year-olds

are halted at Dead Indian

springs as they start on an ex-

tended camping trip with two

race horses and a plow horse re-

portedly stolen from the Med-

ford Riding academy.

Niedermeyer, Inc., and the

Holly theater, defendants in a

suit for collection of a promi-

sory note, deny that Plaintiff

Earl H. Fehl has any interest in

their business affairs; they say

he acted merely as a foreman in

the theater's construction.

30 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1922

(It was Saturday)

Thirty-three per cent of the

signatures on the petition for

the recall of Sheriff Charles E.

Terrill are thrown out and the

petition is expected to be short

of the required 1,235 names by

at least 200 signatures.

The L. J. Orres family of Ash-

land is injured when a defective

steering mechanism causes their

roadster to overturn north of

Medford on the Pacific highway.

40 YEARS AGO

July 8, 1912

(It was Monday)

The judge of the circuit court

disallows a motion urging the

dismissal of a temporary injunc-

tion restraining construction of

a new bridge across Bear creek

in Medford.

A. J. Edwards, "driving an ex-

cellent car," wins the 60-mile

free-for-all auto race in one hour

and 16 minutes; three of the six

entries failed to finish.

State Tax Committee

Will Meet on Friday

Salem—(U.P.)—The Legisla-

tive Interim Tax and Fiscal Re-

vision committee will meet here

Friday at 10 a.m., Sen. Eugene E. Marsh

of McMinnville, chairman, said

Tuesday.

The committee is making an

exhaustive survey of Oregon's

tax structure with a view to

ward recommending new sources

of revenue. "New sources" would

include a retail sales tax but no

serious attention has yet been

given this source, which even

its proponents said was not yet

acceptable by Oregonians, who

have turned down this tax sev-

eral times at the polls.

The only French possession on

the mainland of North or South

America, French Guiana, is

also France's oldest colonial out-

post.

Editorial Correspondence

Worcester, Mass., July 5—Today is the pay-off. Just to crawl out on a limb we predict the Navy will win, and rather easily. The morning papers are touting California and Princeton as dangerous challengers, and they are—but unless your correspondent is greatly mistaken, the Navy has been under wraps all along. She only won yesterday by three or four feet from "Cal," in another one of the photo-finishes we have so often seen on this excursion—but through the glasses it was plain, "Cal" was all rowed-out and Navy wasn't. However, as usual a victim of the under-dog complex we will be in there yelling for "Cal"—the first time in history.

Yesterday we walked up to the starting line to get a new slant on the Olympic regatta. It was worth the hike. The start of the eight-oar race between Cornell, Princeton and Washington was particularly interesting. Cornell LOOKED the best—brown as berries, powerful long-waisted and lean, a definite air of high esprit de corps about them. But Princeton put on something new—a pep-rally with the scrappy little coxswain as cheer leader. Directly in front of the private pier where we appropriated a family chair and watched proceedings, they staged two or three 10-stroke racing starts, then as they squared off for the starting line the cox yelled:

"Now remember you guys, this is going to be a different story."

And it was—and in one of the most dramatic finishes of the regatta. On Thursday Princeton was beaten a quarter length by Navy, but while Cornell, rowing beautifully, led all the way until about 300 yards from the finish, that old Tiger spirit was not to be denied (Ah there, Doctor!), and with only a few feet separating the three shells, Princeton was the winner. Today it will be a four-crew final—Navy, California Princeton and Washington—that incidentally is the order in which we predict they will finish.

If you wish to have healthy, husky children, bring them up in a rowboat on the water. And that goes for the older boys and girls as well. We have never been thrown in proximity with a finer bunch of physical specimens, young and old, than the rowing crowd at this hotel. There is one rowing coach over 80 here, and several oarsmen in their late 70's; young and older members of various rowing clubs from Boston, Buffalo, Philadelphia and Detroit—too bad Stalin can't see them and he might revise his views about capitalistic deterioration—PHYSICALLY, at least.

There was a tremendous crowd at the finish line—and near it—yesterday. Half of Boston must have motored up for the Fourth. But precious few of them paid admission—not more than one half of one per cent we should say. By "admission," we mean seats in the bleachers at the finish line. There is no "gate"—little red placards are given to purchasers as at golf tournaments—also contributions for the Olympic Fund are solicited—the net result was a greater demonstration to New England Yankee "thrill" than to its sense of "noblesse oblige."

Later: We picked the winner, but that's all. The Navy won but Princeton drove in like fury for a close second over Washington with California last. In terms of golf, this Navy crew never presses, it never seems to be trying very hard, (all same Ben Hogan).

The lads from Annapolis never jerk or lunge—it's terrific power, but smooth as silk. Look out for Princeton next year, however—early in the season they couldn't beat Harvard, and here they were only a couple of lengths today behind probably the strongest amateur "eight" the U.S.A. has ever produced. Unless they lose a good many men they promise to make all their rivals hustle in 1953.

The largest crowd of the series was on hand for the finals. The biggest kick your correspondent received was when that poor relation in college rowing, Stanford, won the two-oared by beating Navy in the last few feet. They really had to leave the result to the camera this time, and the MT roving sports-expert led the cheering in his section of the bleachers, when the thrilling result was announced. These young kids paid their own expenses too, and had to take up a collection to buy a shell. What's the matter with our ADOPTED Alma Mater anyway? We should think ex-President Hoover would tend to this.

By the time this is printed Senator Taft may have won the GOP nomination, and the weary delegates may be packing up to go home. At least this will happen Wednesday if the Boston Post of this afternoon (July 5, 1952) is correct. Their correspondent writes from Chicago that it is all over but the shouting—Taft has more than he needs on the first ballot, his concessions to Eisenhower in Texas (22 to 16) PROVE it.

Well, maybe so, but we will believe the bad news when we see it, and NOT until then.

At the police station next to the bridge today, where the Olympic rowing finals were held the thermometer registered 108° at 4 p.m., when the show was over. It WASN'T in the shade, however, but it was, as usual, here in the East, both humid and hot. —R.W.R.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

OH, ye who taste that love is sweet
Set way marks for all doubtful feet
That stumble on in search
Of it
Lead life of love, that others
Behold your life may kindle
With love, and cast their lot
With you.

You never get the right idea as to how hot it has been in the Borough of Manhattan by the official temperature released by the Weather Bureau. This temperature is taken at the top of a building at 17 Battery Place, 400 feet above the street. Recently, when the official temperature was announced as being 96°, a thermometer placed in the sun in Central Park registered 142 degrees at 3 in the afternoon. Imagine that, 142 degrees. Plenty hot enough to fry an egg on the sidewalk.

Among the Married

Quarrels among married people occur most frequently between 5 and 6 p.m. So says "Wake Up Your Mind." That is because the greetings exchanged when the husband arrives home from the office are usually irritating. Alex says both husband and wife should figure out in advance what their words of greeting will be. Not just pop off with the first thing that comes to their minds. Keep that in mind, lady. When your hard working husband arrives, don't say: "I'm exhausted" or "what kept you?" or something like that. Throw your arms around him, give him a lusty kiss and cry out joyfully: "Hello, big boy. When you get washed up I'll have a nice highball all waiting for you." Mr. Osborn also has a solution for morning quarrels. He says a friend of his cut the breakfast battles to a minimum by buying two copies of the morning paper. One for his wife, one for himself. Sounds like a great idea.

Briefly

George M. Cohan was not, as is repeatedly stated, born on the Fourth of July, but Calvin Cool-

idge was... Note a reference to the playing of Nazimova and Rudolph Valentino in a film version of "Camille." They were good, but not as good as Greta Garbo and Robert Taylor were in a later version. "Camille" was Garbo's best picture.

Crack Shots

Some of the best marksmen in this country are policemen. Here is a test of marksmanship for some of the boys to try—shoot the heart out of the ace of hearts on an ordinary playing card at a distance of twenty-five yards. That was one of Annie Oakley's favorite shots. Annie could do it twenty-five times in succession in twenty-seven seconds.

Naming Children

It is a common custom for parents in the United States to give infants initials instead of names at birth so they can choose their own names when they grow older. That's what a United States Army sergeant is reported as telling British authorities. That's the first time I ever heard of that idea for naming a baby. Still, there are some places in the United States I haven't visited yet. How about you? However, I think there is something to the idea of letting youngsters choose their own names when they grow older. Especially those whose parents have named them Edgar.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Was Stephen Crane, author of "The Red Badge of Courage," a Civil War veteran? A. When Crane wrote the book you mention, in 1895, he was only 24 years old. Had never been in the army. He knew of war was what he had read about it. Q. Under what sign are the best racing selectors born? Understand you mentioned this once. A. Best handicappers are born under the sign of Sagittarius. Or so say the stargazers.

Cowboy's Bible

Probably the best book ever written on ranch life in the old west was the one entitled, "A Texas Cowboy or Fifteen Years

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"You won't find this particular signal in the book—it's Mr. Johnson's version of 'mess call'."

Matter of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

THE MYTH MAKERS

Chicago—Next to the bitterness between the two contending factions of the most striking feature of this Republican convention is the proof of the dangerous power of simple faith. You find this, especially, among the many worthy people who are here to yell their heads off for Sen. Robert A. Taft.

Try the experiment of mentioning to these people Gen. Douglas MacArthur and the Yalta agreement. The name of the convention keynote is an emotional stimulus that produces paroxysms of adulation; the mention of Yalta stimulates a contrasting violence. The suggestion of any connection between the two would probably cause apoplexy. But in fact there is a connection between Gen. MacArthur and what happened at Yalta.

According to the Taft-approved version of history, the Chinese National government was "sold out" at Yalta for an empty Soviet promise to enter the war against Japan. President Roosevelt was persuaded to "sell out" Chiang Kai-shek, in turn, because his highest military advisers had warned him that the conquest of the Japanese Islands would cost two years' time and 500,000 casualties. The high price was paid to avoid a high cost.

IT HAS ALWAYS been something of a question just where this military opinion about the costliness of the final conquest of Japan actually originated. Even at the time, it was an utterly wrong opinion, as the event proved.

Even at the time, in the Air Force especially, a minority contended it would be better to pay the Soviets to stay out of the Japanese war instead of paying them to come in.

The first suggestion that Gen. MacArthur might have had a good deal to do with forming this incorrect military opinion was given in the published "Diaries" of the late James V. Forrestal. In Forrestal's indisputably unbiased and authentic record, there is a long interview with Gen. MacArthur dated a little after the Yalta meeting. In this interview, the General is recorded as having most forcefully demanded an invasion of Manchuria by a Soviet Army of not less than 60 divisions. This force, he held, was needed to defeat the Japanese armies on the mainland of Asia.

EXPERIENCE already indicated that if a Soviet army got its grip on Manchuria or any other territory, it was not likely to let go. Yet MacArthur believed the measure was needful none the less. Possibly at that time MacArthur attached little importance to the future of Manchuria.

At any rate, Gen. Albert C. on the Hurricane Deck of a Spanish Pony. Taken from real life by Charles A. Siringo. This book was once known as "The Cowboy's Bible." It was one of Will Rogers favorite books. He read it about forty times.

Sidelights

Half the ducks consumed in this country are Long Island ducks. All Long Island ducks are descendants of a breed of Chinese ducks known as "Imperial Pekins." The reason many women do not go for so-called "kiss-proof" lipstick is that it has a "drying effect" on the lips. So a feminine subscriber informs me. Even so, I still cannot condone the extending of the cheek by a woman to be kissed by a loving husband or sweetheart.

GLAD GROUP FORMED

Salem—(U.P.)—The Royal Gaudolians of Grants Pass filed articles of incorporation here Monday. The group was organized to promote "the best interests of Grants Pass area and the Grants Pass gladiola show."

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.

Kindnesses Appreciated

To the Editor: I just spent a few days in Sacred Heart hospital in Medford. Each morning, along with our breakfast, or soon after, we were all brought a morning paper. At first I thought maybe a mistake had been made as I had not ordered the paper. I picked it up and found on one side a little note saying: "Good morning. This paper presented for your enjoyment by your friendly Big Y Market."

I thought how nice. There is nothing better than a paper when you are sick and can't be out seeing what is going on in the world.

My husband and I stopped at the Big Y on our way home from the hospital. Mr. Mack came out from the back room. So I stepped up to him and told him thanks for the paper I received at the hospital.

He told us that I was the first one to ever thank him for the paper. I just can't understand this. After all it is little kindnesses that make this life worth while.

Why not let Mr. Mack, Pat, George, or any of the checkers, know we like the Big Y market thinking of us when we are sick.

I also want to say the nurses aids are doing a good job. All of them were so kind and friendly. I also want to mention the little gentleman who brought me my Mail Tribune each evening. He was so nice about handing me my pocketbook and waiting patiently while I fumbled around for his nickel. Nice boy.

So, let's get busy and be a little more thankful for these things and let people know we appreciate them.

Mrs. Ed R. Mann,
RR No. 1, Box 450,
Central Point, Ore.

Congressional Quiz

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

1. Q—What do broadcasters think about having Uncle Sam scan radio and TV output to keep "offensive" programs off the air?

A—Industry regulation of its own affairs is "infinitely better" than any form of government control, a spokesman for radio and TV broadcasters June 26 told a House Subcommittee investigating "offensive" programs. But Rep. Joseph P. O'Hara (R-Minn.) said that unless programs and advertising improved, government control would be inevitable "whether we want it or not."

2. Q—When does the immigration bill, passed over the President's veto, become law?

A—It became law immediately after the Senate June 27 voted 57-26 to pass it despite the veto. House overriding of the veto came June 26 on a 278-113 vote. However, under the measure's own terms, the changes it calls for do not take effect until six months after it became law. On June 25 when he vetoed the bill revising the complicated immigration laws, the President asserted the legislation would perpetuate "inhumane aspects of our immigration procedures."

3. Q—How long after Congress adjourns does the President have for signing bills?

A—It works this way. Whether Congress is in session or not, the President has 10 days after he receives the bill, not counting Sundays, to sign legislation passed by Congress. If Congress is in session and the President declines to sign a bill, it automatically becomes law. If Congress adjourns during the 10 days, failure of the President to sign results in a "pocket veto"—the bill dies.

4. Q—Do Washington, D. C., police serve as "private eyes" for Congressmen?

A—Former Washington Police Chief Robert J. Barrett, who re-

Reports Don't Show True Election Cost; Spending Said High

(Editor's note: Following is the fifth in a series of articles on the procedure of electing a President in the United States. The series has been prepared by Congressional Quarterly.)

Washington—CQ—No one will ever know what the coming national elections actually cost, even though federal laws require that campaign spending be reported to Congress.

Reports filed under the federal Corrupt Practices act in the last Presidential election year, 1948, show that at least \$15,542,683 was spent in electing the President and members of Congress. How much was spent and not reported is anybody's guess. But Congressmen said the many loopholes in the law made it certain that millions of dollars went unreported.

With the higher cost of living and the added cost of television, reported spending is likely to soar to a new record this year. Individuals running for Senate seats reported outlays of \$653,949 in 1948. Candidates for the House reported \$1,324,746. Political organizations reported spending \$13,563,878 in national elections.

GOP Biggest Spender
Biggest-spending group to report was the Republican National committee, which said it paid out \$2,736,334. The Democratic National committee reported \$2,127,296. More than 140 local and national organizations accounted for the rest of the spending.

Observers say the actual cost of elections is higher. As an indication of what it could total, the candidates in the race for the Ohio Senate seat in 1950 each claimed the other's spending went into the millions. Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) said \$2,000,000 was spent on behalf of his opponent, Joseph Ferguson. Ferguson said the Taft people paid out \$5,000,000.

The law sets a \$25,000 limit on each Senate candidate's expenditures, but exempts many expenses from the limitation. The limit for a House candidate is \$5,000. There is no limit on Presidential candidates.

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As We Live...

By DR. ELIZABETH HURLOCK

ADOPT CHILD RATHER THAN RISK SUCCESS OF MARRIAGE

When a married couple wants children and has none, there is likely to be a rift between them sooner or later. The husband feels that their childlessness is his wife's fault and she feels it is his. That is what is happening to the woman who writes:

(Q) "I have been married for four years and we have been a happy couple. Both my husband and I love children but, as yet, we haven't had any. I have been to a number of doctors on the subject and they tell me there is nothing wrong with me and it could happen at any time. They also say it could be my husband. However, he refuses to go with me to see a doctor. This could break up our marriage. Please advise me what to do."

(A) Ask your doctor to help you to make arrangements to adopt a child. This would solve your problem.

Further more, it frequently happens that when a couple adopts a child, they have one or more of their own.

The child you adopt would be legally yours and, unless you are unlike most foster parents, you would love that child just as much as if you had borne it. When a child is obtained for adoption from a reliable source, it turns out to be just as satisfactory in most cases as the parent's own children do.

Most men feel as your husband does on the subject of sterility. They refuse to face the fact that