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Flight 'o' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the first of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO

August 1, 1942

(It was Saturday)

Packers report Bartlett pears selling locally for \$70 a ton for No. 1 grade.

From Arthur Perry's Ye August Smudge Pot column: It is Ye smudge again and only a month until small boys will have to put on their shirts and go to school.

20 YEARS AGO

August 1, 1922

(It was Monday)

Local motorists start rush to purchase 1922 license plates as law enforcement officers begin check; 100 temporary tags sold here in two hours.

Total of 181 persons sign cards requesting work here as new employment plan gets under way; bring total of unemployed listed with various offices to more than 2,500.

30 YEARS AGO

August 1, 1922

(It was Tuesday)

Residents of Eagle Point purchase \$50,000 worth of bonds to finance irrigation district.

Ken Williams, Grants Pass man playing baseball with St. Louis Browns, ties major league record set by Rogers Hornsby by hitting 27th home run.

40 YEARS AGO

August 1, 1912

(It was Thursday)

City of Medford lifts watering hour regulations; property owners requested not to irrigate with open hoses or to waste water.

Deer season opens and many Medford hunters leave for Elk and Evans creek areas.

Missing Harvest

Worker Found Safe

Portland (U.P.)—A 72-year-old berry picker, missing nearly 30 hours from his northeast Portland home, was safe Friday but too dazed and exhausted to tell police what happened to him.

Olaf T. Olson was found Thursday night by Oswego Police Sgt. William H. Kessler sitting on a log near the Oswego lake public swimming pool.

He was in a dazed condition, but otherwise apparently unharmed. The elderly man disappeared at about 3 p.m. Wednesday after leaving home to pick blackberries.

Oregon Execution

Chamber Completed

Salem (U.P.)—Warden Virgil O'Malley announced Friday that Oregon state prison's new execution chamber is now completed.

The gas chamber is northwest of the prison garage outside the main prison walls.

First execution in the new chamber is slated for Friday, Aug. 8, when LeRoy Long will go to his death for the slaying of Albert Rucker in Clackamas county.

Long was convicted of killing Rucker to obtain his truck for use in a bank holdup in Portland.

The Jacksonville Jubilee

Tomorrow and Sunday will be Gold Rush Jubilee days again in Jacksonville, the time of year when residents of the old town invite everyone in southern Oregon to come and join in paying tribute to the pioneers, enjoy parades, ceremonies, pageants, music, dancing, contests and general entertainment.

THE annual Jacksonville affair is unique in that it combines so many attractions for young and old. The two-day program is much too long to detail here but there will be events of interest from 9:15 a.m., Saturday when mass will be held in historic old St. Joseph's Catholic church, to the windup dance Sunday night.

For the older folk — and also for those of the younger generation wishing to learn more of the pioneer history of this region—the program arranged for 2 p.m., Saturday by the Southern Oregon Historical Society holds special appeal. For this event chairs and benches have been placed on the Jacksonville Museum lawn and the public is invited to gather there, rest in the shade, listen to the speakers and visit among themselves.

OLD Jacksonville, whose rich background of pioneer history dates back to 1851 when gold was discovered, grew like a mushroom in its early years. The first store was opened in 1852, its stock, so the stories go, consisting mostly of tobacco and whiskey. In that year too, the first log cabin was built and the first move made for law and order with establishment of a miners' court.

The following year brought trouble with the Indians, the holding of the first religious service, establishment of the first express service for shipping out gold, birth of the first white child and opening of the first school.

In 1854 the first Methodist church west of the Rockies was dedicated and the first brick building was erected. By 1855 Jacksonville had a newspaper and a Masonic lodge. In 1860 the fast growing village was incorporated, daily stage service was begun and an Odd Fellows lodge was instituted.

The town grew and prospered through the years, until the railroad came and passed it by for a more direct route through the floor of the valley. Then other towns sprang up along the trail of the iron horse and Jacksonville was left behind in the march of progress.

BUT to the old mining center with its beautiful foothill setting and its early day structures was left an individuality all its own. It is that individuality which is emphasized in the Gold Rush Jubilee when for a couple of days the townspeople hark back to the days of their forefathers and in dress and other ways revive the colorful past.—E.C.F.

Humanity Taking To Water

Watching the hundreds of children and adults splashing happily in the new Hawthorne Park plunge these hot days it is hard to realize that such a delightful pastime is a comparatively recent development, so far as its enjoyment by the general public is concerned.

IF swimming continues to gain in popular favor as a warm weather diversion here, it is reasonable to expect that at least one additional public pool will be necessary before many more years. On one recent day 915 persons crowded the Hawthorne plunge (it was designed to accommodate 350 to 400), and the Y.M.C.A. pool is equally popular. In addition to the public pools, there are nine private pools within the Medford city limits and there are several on private estates in the contiguous area.

IN the Middle Ages it was believed that pestilences were spread through water and it was not until the second half of the 19th century that man overcame this fear. Though the pleasure and benefits of swimming have been fairly well recognized in more modern times, it has only been in recent years that cities have been able or willing to spend the money required for installation of public pools where for a few cents anyone can find a sure escape from heat discomfort.

In addition to the bodily comforts to be found in cooling waters, doctors now prescribe swimming as a beneficial exercise. Swimming is taught almost universally in institutions of higher learning, soldiers and sailors are given courses in "survival swimming," and the Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. tirelessly spread the gospel of swimming as insurance against beach and boating fatalities.

AS a result of the fast growing popularity of swimming, man is learning to propel himself through water with much more speed and with less tiring effort. The thrashing crawl stroke with which all present free style speed records have been set was unknown up to 1900 except to natives of the warm South Pacific. Brought to Europe by Australia's Dick Cavill, it was soon adopted by the world's experts.

International speed and distance records still tumble yearly as champions further refine the crawl, given it name by journalists to whom Cavill appeared to be crawling over the water.

If present progress continues, man will eventually swim nearly as fast as he can propel himself afoot and he will learn to do so about as early and as universally.—E.C.F.

SWALLOW MOVE IN

Brooklyn, Mich. (U.P.)—The warm weather drew numerous swallows here to create a miniature Capistrano. They took advantage of a huge cutback in a river bank and lined it with hundreds of nests.

LAND OF APRICOTS

Berkeley, Calif. (U.P.)—California apricots accounted for 85 per cent of all those grown in the United States and from 35 to 40 per cent of the world's supply, according to the University of California college of agriculture.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"Make up your mind, will yuh? Either go swimmin' or fishin'!"

Three Delegations' Positions Clouded Prior to Demo Vote

(Continued from yesterday)

BY ALICIA RUHL

Chicago, July 28 — (By Air Mail)—The position of the three southern states' delegations which refused to sign the loyalty pledge was about as clear as mud when Thursday's session opened.

Had the resolution passed by the convention earlier in the week been strictly interpreted there is no doubt that they should have been deprived of their voting rights, but there was strong sentiment in favor of smoothing the situation over somehow and keeping the dissidents in the fold.

The first test case was that of Louisiana, whose name came up in the process of calling the roll. Here the delegation split, two members agreeing to sign the pledge and the eighteen others refusing. Only two members were seated, therefore, with full participating privileges.

South Carolina was the next test case, and since it stuck together as a body the entire delegation was refused the right to participate. But when it came to Virginia, oddly enough, the tide began to change.

Someone must have been doing some footwork, for halfway through the roll call Illinois switched her vote from a majority against to a majority for seating the Virginia delegation. This was interpreted by some as a move to gain southern support for Stevenson at the time when candidate Russell should become convinced that his bid for the nomination was hopeless.

As it turned out, this was a "deal" — if it was a "deal" — which bore no fruit whatsoever, for Russell polled many more votes than was anticipated and stuck to his supporters until the bitter end.

It was actually the shift of Harriman, and then Kefauver, which converted the balloting into a landslide for Stevenson. But in any case, Virginia was actually seated, in clear contradiction to the action taken against Louisiana and South Carolina.

From there on in the issue turned somewhat grudgingly into a "love-fest." The governor of Virginia thanked the convention profusely for the confidence it had placed in them. Virginia had always supported the Democratic nominees and would do so this fall. He begged that the convention would reconsider their action in regard to Louisiana and South Carolina, whom he was sure would prove equally loyal.

Governor Byrnes of South Carolina then rose to his feet on a point of order. He was not certain that he had the privilege of addressing the convention, he said, but he wanted to make one point clear. There seemed to be an impression that South Carolina had made no response to the credentials committee in regard to the loyalty pledge. This was not the case, and he read a statement which made it clear that it was a matter of law in South Carolina that the Democratic nominees must, upon the request of the national committee, be placed upon the ballot.

One had the impression that this came as a shock to the Liberal, Anti-Dixiecrat faction for it made the question of a loyalty pledge seem academic if not a trumped-up issue.

They were, understandably, not willing to take Governor Byrnes' statement at face value, and therefore developed a most extraordinary loyalty probe on the floor of the convention, with one delegate and then another addressing a question to the chair, but actually to Governor Byrnes, addressing an answer to the chair, but actually to the inquisitor. He stood the test.

The chairman of the credentials committee then addressed the convention, in what seemed something of a face-saving move, admitting that the committee had received such a statement but unsigned, and recommending that since this statement was in all substantial respects similar to one received from Virginia, the convention take the same action in regard to South Carolina and Louisiana that it had taken in the case of Virginia.

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Babson and Politics

BY ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass., Aug. 1. (Special to Mail Tribune)—The Republican Party in its convention at Chicago selected its candidate for President of the United States.

The Democratic Party in its convention also at Chicago has selected its candidate for President.

The candidates of either party will not be acceptable to millions of voters. The national election that will be held on November 4, 1952, will select one of the candidates to be President of the United States.

The President elected will not be the choice of millions of voters—but.

After the majority of the voters have elected the man to be President, the cooperation of every individual in the United States will be necessary to insure our Democratic way of life and our economic independence.

The new President, no matter of which party, is under obligation on account of the present emergencies, to make use of the best brains in either of the leading parties. Members of the cabinet and heads of the various agencies of the government should be selected for their ability to handle the particular position, regardless of party affiliation.

The intellect and ability of defeated candidates should not be wasted because they belong to the other party. A cooperative administration is the best method of meeting the international situation, the taxation problem, the national debt, and the employee-employer relationship and the other serious problems that will confront the new President.

This is the time for all good people to come to the aid of whoever is elected to insure our economic and political freedom.