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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 March 16, 1945

Ingrid Bergman, Bing Crosby and "Going My Way" win Academy Award "Oscars."

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Extra gasoline is again to be allocated Victory gardeners.

20 YEARS AGO March 16, 1935

Oregon Caves and Humburg Mountain camp teams undefeated in Madford district CCC basketball tournament.

Dr. William Brady, in his "Personal Health Service" column, advises "... Certainly tobacco in any form or quantity is bad medicine for anybody subject to hyperchlorhydria, peptic ulcer, gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer or colicx thereof."

30 YEARS AGO March 16, 1925

"Evidence intended to reveal the secrets of the bank accounts of Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, was barred from the record in the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit here today," press dispatch from Cheyenne, Wyo., states.

From news item: "Special Game Warden Patrick Daily and Roy Parr, the Jackson county game warden, ceased searching for peddlers of dried venison, or jerky as it is more commonly known, long enough Sunday to nose around among the many fishermen at the river and detect violations."

40 YEARS AGO March 16, 1915

Admission prices of 5, 10 and 15 cents charged at Page theater, where Charles Chaplin, "The World's most Popular Movie Comedian," is playing in "The Champion," with two acts: other features on bill are "Her Martyrdom," with Arthur Johnson and Lottie Briscoe, and "The Death Train," featuring Helen Holmes.

County Commissioners Loeber and Madden in Salem to confer with state highway commission in reaching a working arrangement for completion of the highway over the Siskiyou.

What's the Answer?

(Can You Get a of the 7?) Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. Taxes by the 48 states total much more or much less than those by all cities and local units or about the same? 2. The present 3c-rate for letters has been in effect for more or less than 20 years? 3. Members of Congress in the early days were paid on a per diem instead of yearly basis, right or wrong? 4. More Californians are employed in agriculture or in manufacturing? 5. The Channel Islands, part of Great Britain, lie nearest England, France, Ireland, The Netherlands, Scotland or Wales? 6. Auto tires usually last about twice, three times, four times or five times as long now as in 1920? 7. Paul Revere was a farmer, silversmith, sailing captain, lawyer or newspaper publisher? The Answers: 1. About the same. 2. More than 20 years. 3. Right. 4. In manufacturing. 5. France. 6. Five times. 7. Silversmith.

Klamath to Prosper

Word that construction of the jet interceptor base at the Klamath airport will probably get under way next month will undoubtedly prove a shot in the economic arm for the sister city over the hill, and to a more or less degree for neighboring cities.

CONSTRUCTION projects will be divided up and will range in estimated cost from \$20,000 to \$1,000,000. This arrangement will enable bidding on the various jobs by local contractors.

Items on the construction work program include runway and taxiway extensions, jet fuel storage, multi-purpose recreation facility, navigation aids including a radar ground control approach system and an instrument landing system; base operation building, ready-crew building, alert hangar, flight simulated training building, five dormitories, mess hall, heating plant, infirmary, cold storage building and paved open storage facilities for equipment, concrete igloo magazine, ready rocket storage balloon, airmen's club, non-commissioned officers' club, post exchange and sales store.

Completion date is planned for January 1 and it is expected that by the time all is in readiness for occupation naval forces will be on hand.

KLAMATH FALLS business interests have estimated that the navy force together with civilian employees necessary at the new defense facility will distribute a \$4,000,000 payroll annually in the region. It has also been figured that each dollar of that huge sum will change hands an average of eight times before it passes out of circulation.

The city is in a position to know how beneficial such showering down of government money can be for a large number of service men occupied the naval air base there for a time during and after the war and later a Marine Corps rehabilitation center was maintained for some time.—E.C.F.

The Gardening Urge

Spring is knocking at the door, according to the calendar it will enter officially next Monday, and with it comes that annual yen to plant a garden.

Despite unfortunate experiences in previous gardening efforts, the backaches, the battles with blight and bugs—these are but dimly remembered with each new arrival of the vernal season—only the completely disillusioned or the chronically pessimistic are able to resist the age old pull of the good earth.

IN A RECENT edition of our favorite weekly newspaper, the Roberts Road Reporter, the ten-year-old editor, Gerry Auel, advises her readers to obey the gardening urge. Under the caption "Joy in Gardening," Gerry editorializes as follows:

"Gardens are nice to have. They not only give you an opportunity to be out in the fresh air but an opportunity to save money. "It's fun to plant tiny seeds and to watch the tiny green shoots come out of the ground and progress day by day. And then at last you can go out into the garden and get lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, and radishes, clean and toss them together and you have the most delicious salad made from fresh vegetables right out of your own garden."

GERRY didn't go into the too often experienced unfavorable aspects of home gardening, the disappointments when seeds or plants fail to grow properly, the inroads of the neighbors' chickens and dogs, the race between gardener, birds, bugs and moles to see who will harvest most of the crop. And the realization in the fall that whatever eatables the gardener may have finally been able to provide for family consumption could probably have been purchased at the store for much less than the cost of the garden.

But don't let anything said here influence you against starting a garden this year. Editor Gerry is right. There is "joy in gardening," and it isn't necessarily measured by what or how much may eventually reach the table.—E.C.F.

Abstract Expressionism

Through a miscue on the part of the Mail Tribune's mail orderly a booklet from the Portland Art Museum has fallen into the hands of this writer instead of the Art Editor for whom it was intended. The booklet contains eight reproductions of paintings by a Portland artist whose recent work, it is learned from accompanying textual matter, is in the style "inadequately termed 'abstract expressionism.'"

Sneaking an idle glance at the pictures we became completely intrigued for the reason that with exception of two it was hard to detect the slightest resemblance to anything ever seen—or even imagined in the wildest phantasmagoria of nightmare.

TURNING to the catalog page, it was learned, for instance, that No. 70, which we had surmised might be an X-ray of someone's sacroiliac, was in fact the artist's conception of a ravine. No. 57, which a wild guess had tabbed as a badly shattered windshield, was meant to depict burned land.

We didn't come that close with the other four even after examining them upside down and sideways. According to recent news items it is well to look at such art from all angles for even exhibition judges have been fooled.

THE artist, according to the catalog page, has also painted Crater Lake, but unfortunately this painting was not pictured in the booklet. It would be interesting to see what a follower of the "abstract expressionism" school would make out of our scenic wonder.—E.C.F.



REPRESENTING EMERALD ISLE as "Miss United Ireland," Elizabeth Kirwin, 19, County Cork, is in New York to lead group from Auld Sod in St. Patrick's Day parade. (International)

Indonesia Conference Expected To Produce Little in Results

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Foreign Analyst

More than half the people of the world will be represented at that big Asian-African conference to be held in Indonesia next month. Potentially, the conference is important. It could prove to be a major development in world politics.

The "neutralist" movement in East Asia will be represented by India, Indonesia and Burma. Egypt Against Ties

The eight nations of the Arab bloc will be there. Egypt is trying to encourage neutralism among the Arab countries. But Iraq has just signed an alliance with Turkey which is allied with the West.

In addition to Turkey, countries at the conference which are allied with the West will be The Philippines, Thailand, Pakistan, Japan, South Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia. Ceylon also may be oriented toward the West as may Ethiopia and Liberia.

All these countries have one thing in common—they do not like "colonialism." But their own interests are so diverse that they are not likely to do anything world shaking in Bandung.

Volcanologist Gordon MacDonald said there was a chance the 100-foot wide flow might plunge over a 25-foot cliff into the Pacific this afternoon.

'Borrowed' Heart Girl Improving

Minneapolis — (U.P.) — Seven-year-old Penny Rae Raymond looked forward to a normal, happy life, thanks to the "borrowed" heart and lungs of a 41-year-old man.

Both Penny Rae and the man who "loaned" her his heart and lungs, Ted Goodman, were recovering today from a rare operation to close a hole in the little girl's heart.

Dr. C. Walter Lillihel, the University of Minnesota surgeon who directed yesterday's delicate operation, told Penny Rae's parents that she now has a normal heart.

Plastic tubes connected Goodman's circulatory system to Penny Rae's. Then Penny Rae's heart was tied off and her lungs were collapsed.

The heart and lungs of Goodman, aided for only 11 minutes by a mechanical pump, took over the job of keeping Penny Rae alive during the two-hour operation.

Her dark, venous blood flowed into Goodman's body and returned purified and fresh.

New Sales Tax Bill Will Be Introduced

Salem — (U.P.) — Rep. W. W. Chadwick, chairman of the House Rules Committee, said today the committee had granted permission for introduction of a new sales tax bill.

Rep. Ed R. Cardwell, Sweet Home, vice-chairman of the committee, said the bill would differ from one sponsored by Rep. Earl Hill of Cushman in that it would give part of the receipts to the general fund. Hill's bill called for all receipts to go to school support.

Cardwell said he did not want to discuss details of the bill in the absence yesterday of Rep. Loran Stewart of Cottage Grove, chairman of the taxation committee. Stewart was absent yesterday because of illness.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A husky Russian gunman shot and seriously wounded a SOVIET police guard in a one-man invasion of the British embassy in Moscow.

The intruder then forced his way to the upstairs living quarters of the British ambassador before being overpowered and disarmed by two British embassy attaches. (The ambassador and his lady were out skiing when the ruckus started and didn't get back until it was over.)

No motive for the incident has been learned. The gunman was described as "incoherent."

I wouldn't know. But I'm glad to learn that in Russia they have screwballs who go off their rockers and run amuck. The bad world situation precipitated by Russian communism would be worse for us if everybody in Russia were solid and sensible and able-minded. Russia would be a formidable opponent in that case.

ONE more on Russia. Last week the Kremlin announced that it would like to follow through on the idea of sending Soviet farmers to Iowa to learn how to grow tall corn.

That (if you get the full impact of it) didn't look too good. It pointed toward the conclusion that the rulers of Russia are smart and WILLING TO LEARN.

One must never underestimate an enemy of that sort.

BUT— Today— The Moscow radio picks up the subject of corn once more. It says the Russians are already growing corn on the cob IN BUNCHES. That is to say, it describes the Russians as having produced a type of corn that reaches about six feet in height and then produces ears that hang in bunches like bananas.

THIS conclusion is inevitable: Some SENSIBLE Russian figured it out that when it comes to growing corn, which is the world's most valuable feed grain, the Americans have something. Maybe, he reasoned, Russians better learn from them how to grow corn.

Whereupon— The screwballs went into action and began to BRAG. Russia, they proclaimed via the Moscow radio, is ahead of EVERYBODY in corn growing, as in everything else. Why, they said, Russian corn produces ears IN BIG BUNCHES.

That boast has all the earmarks of an inferiority complex.

WHEN the stock market opened the other morning, it resumed the decline which last week carried it into the most severe break of the last 15 years. Losses ran from \$1 to \$4 a share. All sections of the market participated.

At noon today, the Associated Press 60-stock average was down 2.2 points.

IS THAT bad? I'm inclined to doubt it. The primary purpose of the stock market is to provide capital for industry. Capital values, of course, are an important part of that function. When one invests money, one wants to know that he has a fair chance of getting a capital value increase in his investment.

When people become MORE INTERESTED IN THE SPECULATIVE SIDE OF INVESTMENT than in safety and a reasonable return on invested savings the whole business of buying shares in American industry becomes influenced by speculation.

That's what happened in 1929. We don't want it to happen again.

Court Records DISTRICT COURT Nina B. Miller vs. Sterling C. Miller, divorce decree. Gene Gysbers vs. Donald L. Gysbers, divorce decree. Erna Ruth McCoy vs. John Daniel McCoy, divorce decree. Opal V. Note vs. Harry S. Note, divorce decree. Elizabeth Luella Potter vs. Leo Klondike Potter, divorce decree. Laurence H. Pemberton vs. Mary Helen Pemberton, divorce decree. Carl William Eisenberg, Jr. vs. Verda Mae Eisenberg, divorce decree. Edwin Larson vs. Willa P. Larson, divorce complaint. Alf Llander Peterson vs. Idella Fay Peterson, divorce complaint. Ardyce Prentiss vs. Roy A. Prentiss, divorce complaint.

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AWARD JUST IN TIME St. Albans, Vt.—(U.P.)—Truck driver Alfred Bean received a 20-year safe driving award from the National Safety Council Tuesday just a few hours before a Municipal court jury found him guilty of drunken driving.

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 an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

YMCA Appreciative To the Editor: The directors of the YMCA wish to express their appreciation for the cooperation and support received at the annual auction, plant and rummage sale, and smorgasbord. A community project depends upon the united effort and generosity of a great many people, and we wish to thank the donors and the many willing workers who contributed so much to its success. Darel Huson, Pres. Medford YMCA

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

With all the spooky prescience ascribed to animals it's high time for a facts vs. fallacy on this subject.

Fallacy: Rats have an instinctive premonition of disaster overtaking a ship or a building which impels them to desert in ample time for their own safety.

Fact: This superstition is widespread, due perhaps to rats having been seen occasionally leaving a ship upon docking. Fact is, rats commonly depart



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another matter. And the proof of the fallacy exists in the large number of horses which become lost and confused in unfamiliar surroundings even at a comparatively short distance from home. In winter storms, many horses freeze. I say nothing of race horses which in good weather have trouble finding their way around the track quickly enough. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

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