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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 29, 1945
(It was Thursday)

Manager Bud Conlin announces plans for Medford baseball team; talent already lined up includes Paul "Hoosier" Hoffer, Harry Dunn, George Gibson, Pete Montgomery, Steve Crippen, Harry Foley, Don Fawcett and Ralph Cook.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Convicts in a California prison are staging "race riots." It appears some hoodlums got mixed up with the regular prisoners.

20 YEARS AGO
March 29, 1935
(It was Friday)

Roberta Ward Bebb to sing part of Lady Allcash in St. Mark's Altar Guild production of opera "Fra Diavolo."

E. H. Hedrick, Medford superintendent of schools, receives report that city schools will receive \$22,000 in Public Works administration money for construction work.

30 YEARS AGO
March 29, 1925
(It was Sunday)

Otto DeJarnett of Medford postoffice force, reported recovering from mumps.

Craters club to hold parade tomorrow night to advertise the "Crater Frolic" at the Armory.

40 YEARS AGO
March 29, 1915
(It was Monday)

Ashland police arrest elderly German man and announce they will hold him "until he can prove he is not a Teuton spy."

Two Jackson county residents return from Panama Pacific expedition. One reports Jackson county exhibit "is a beauty," and second says "it is a disgrace."

What's the Answer?
(Can You Get 4 of the 7?)
Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. A new Dust Bowl in the Southwest is or isn't threatened this year?
2. Which two of these are not among the Four "H's" of the Four-H Clubs — Home, heart, health, hands, head, hygiene?
3. Minimum special delivery charge on a parcel post package is (a) 15, (b) 20, (c) 25, (d) 30 or (e) 35 cents?
4. A perfect score of 300 has been made at duck pin bowling; right or wrong?
5. Women drink about (a) 10, (b) 20, (c) 30, (d) 40 or (e) 50 per cent of all beer consumed in the U.S.?
6. "The Hill" means in Washington the Capitol, White House, State Dept., Pentagon Bldg., or baseball park?
7. A shibboleth is an Irish cudgel, a letter with a hissing sound, a watchword, a thin metal slip or too much vibration in the front wheels?
The Answers: 1. Is, says the Agriculture Dept. 2. Home and hygiene. 3. 35 cents. 4. Wrong. 5. About 20%. 6. The Capitol. 7. A watchword.
About 4,000,000 kilowatts of hydro-electric capacity were installed by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation during its first 50 years of operation.

Golf Anonymous

The annual Oregon Golf "Open" held here the past week end was, thanks to a lot of hard work on the part of the membership, a great success.

So many did so much, there is not space to mention them individually, but we might state at this point that if it had not been for ONE member there would have been no tournament, and no 18-hole course for that matter.

That one person refused to quit when everyone else did.

He took the risk and deserves the success he has had, although now the boys always so wise AFTER-the-event, claim it was just a smart business deal.

IT PROVED to be. But no one thought so then. This one person alone was willing to take a chance on it, and back the chance with time and money, his motive being not what he might get out of it—or might not—but what the community would—what Medford needed in this direction at the time.

We are not going to mention his name for he is the only 100% "humdinger" in existence who doesn't like publicity, and is really uncomfortable when he gets it.

Yes, this man did the job and he deserves the credit. Although when things got going there were plenty of willing hands—and heads—to help, as there are today.

AND those "willing hands and heads" now deserve special mention with a giant orchid for the hard working and capable manager and his aides. Mr. Manager was the "spark plug" for the drive to get the "Open" and then, made it one that will always be a credit to Medford, and all Southern Oregon.

WE GRANT there are always nice things said by visitors on such an occasion, and they can be discounted somewhat. But anyone who mixed around in the tournament gallery or among the players at all during the tournament we are sure will agree, that the way things were managed from the first day to the last, made a big hit with all the visitors,—also the warm hospitality, as did the new course, its scenic beauties, its sporting qualities, and the beauties and attractiveness of the entire valley.

IN SHORT it was a great "ad" for this part of the state and one that will pay off in various and sundry intangibles as well as tangibles as time goes on.

Even the Weather Man, went all out to give the visitors the best climatic offering available in the state, during the week-end period. He slipped up a bit but only during the final hours of the final day. The gallery complained then but the players didn't—for the "golden dew" made the greens less tricky, the atmosphere more stimulating and improved the scores.

So the venture ended, as all similar ventures should end, but so seldom do—with EVERYBODY happy!—R.W.R.

The People Should Know

There is one question about the release of the Yalta papers that has never been answered. It should be.

A certain newsman asked Secretary of State Dulles when he departed for Canada shortly after the release was ordered why the decision had been made at that particular time.

It was a perfectly fair question and a timely one. But instead of answering our Secretary of State lost his temper, juttled out his jaw pugnaciously at the inquirer, and then strode off to his plane, forcing his companion to run to catch up with him.

He has not answered yet.

HE SHOULD. Or someone in authority in the state department should. For there is no question some official gave the OK, or the papers would never have been released. Who was it? Or did they just "leak out" through some unknown subordinate? If the latter is true, then some employee in the state department was responsible for the "leak." That is even more serious.

Who was it, and why? The people are entitled to know.—R.W.R.

Only One Churchill

It is reported persistently in London that Sir Winston Churchill will resign in a few days from his official position, as head of the government.

But Sir Winston has stated to his constituents that he hopes to serve them for some time in Parliament, as he has for so many years.

WE HOPE this diagnosis is correct. For the world drama would just not be the same without Sir Winston Churchill taking an active part in it,—nor as hopeful.

He is a many-sided man, but his outstanding characteristic, we think, has been his wisdom,—not after, but before the event. Another name for it is foresight,—an ability not only to understand the lessons of the past, but to apply them, with an uncannily accurate instinct regarding the future.

As a good example here is Churchill's brief comment on Yalta, quote:—

It is easy, after the Germans are beaten, to condemn those who did their best to hearten the Russian military effort and to keep in harmonious contact with our Great Ally, who had suffered so frightfully. What would have happened if we had quarrelled with Russia while the Germans still had three or four hundred divisions on the fighting front? Our hopeful assumptions were soon to be falsified. Still, they were the only ones possible at the time.

—R.W.R.

Sen. Knowland Said Becoming 'Mystery Man' of Republicans

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington — (U.P.) — Big Bill Knowland rapidly is becoming the mystery man of the Republican party. It is fair to assume that President Eisenhower, among many, is baffled by the young man from California.

Big Bill is Sen. William Fife Knowland, the 46-year-old Republican leader of the Senate. He was hand-picked for that important job by the late Robert A. Taft, whose illness forced him to step down from the leadership.

Knowland is in a position to give the administration more trouble than most Democrats can dish out, and he frequently does so. The question before the puzzled Republicans is: "What's Bill shooting for?"

Gunning for Nixon? There are competent observers of the political scene who believe Knowland is shooting for next year's Republican presidential nomination. Others think he would like to displace Vice-President Richard M. Nixon on the Republican ticket next year.

There are indications that the state is not large enough to hold both of these ambitious and able young men. Nixon is 41. Both are in a position to aspire at some time to the White House.

Whatever Knowland wants, he is going after it with fists often flying to Mr. Eisenhower's chin. Over the week end, Knowland repeated on a television panel his belief that Mr. Eisenhower was not necessary to a Republican election victory next year. He has said previously that he was against the Draft-like movement on the theory that a man who was reluctant should not be prodded into a presidential campaign.

That is mighty close to political heresy from the standpoint of most Republicans who have sounded off on the subject. But that's not all. Knowland refused to tell the television audience whether he will support the President's foreign trade bill when it reaches the Senate some weeks hence.

Own Yalta Campaign Mr. Eisenhower made it plain last week that the disclosures in the Yalta papers should not be made use of politically against the Democrats.

Knowland challenged by beginning his own campaign against the Democrats with Yalta ammunition. He will not be alone on that. You will hear Nixon and others on the subject of Yalta as the election campaign develops.

Knowland is for a hard policy toward Red China. He urged a China blockade, but Mr. Eisenhower would not agree. Knowland is quick with doubts about the value of any top level international conference which would include the Soviet Union, whereas the President now seems to be leaning much in that direction.

Knowland not only disagrees with the administration but stands up in meeting and says so. He has been a White House breakfast guest several times late. But the hospitality has not stilled his voice. Nor is there any indication that Knowland has told the President what he is up to.

HOW DID all this happen? Well, here's the way it works: People keep pouring in, and there must be houses to house them. That makes work for the builders. These incoming throngs must be fed, and that makes work for cooks and dishwashers. Their shirts must be washed, and that makes work for laundries. They come in automobiles, and these automobiles must be fueled and maintained. That makes work for service station men and mechanics. People eat too much and drink too much and stay out too late at night and get sick as a result, and that makes work for doctors. And so on. I could go on like this for pages.

THE POINT I wish to make is that here in Las Vegas, which with the exception of the Henderson metals plant 20 miles away—hasn't a single smokestack, hasn't an acre of farm land anywhere near, has only the sketchiest kind of a cattle industry and hasn't water enough to keep its lawns green, tens of thousands of people are kept busy as bees just taking in each other's washing, cooking each other's meals and doing each other's chores.

What the economists call SERVICE occupations.

LAS VEGAS, of course, DOES have a principal industry upon which its prosperity rests. That industry is gambling—gambling in all its forms; roulette, craps, faro, blackjack, keno, bingo.

But principally it has slot machines, acres of them, shoals of them, clacking and clattering like a vast assemblage of automatic looms. Just servicing this gambling industry makes a lot of jobs.

EVERY growing city, of course, has to have something that keeps on bringing in NEW money. Money from elsewhere. Money to be added to what is already there.

In the case of Las Vegas this new money comes to town in the pockets of the thousands who come here to play, to show off, to have something to go home and tell one's neighbors about.

But principally to gamble. Take the gambling away and Las Vegas would wilt and die and the desert would take over again.

PEOPLE do win at gambling. We came away with a gambling profit of 40 PER CENT—40 cents winnings on a total investment of a dollar.

Here's an interesting thought: IF EVERYBODY did that well, Las Vegas would thrive up and die.

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 initial 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.

Gym Use Protested To the Editor: There is a question we would like answered. Just why was the New World Society (Jehovah's Witnesses) permitted to hold a meeting in our Jackson school gymnasium on March 24 when they are against the teachings and principles which we promote and want our children to learn and uphold?

That was a clever bit of strategy on their part—giving the impression that our school board, district and principal are in accord with their theories.

We know all of them are not. Permission, we know, was granted—and in accordance with the regulations set up. Cannot these rules and regulations be changed to eliminate the use of our public school building by groups and organizations who do not and will not salute our flag which flies before it, nor protect the country which it represents?

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She Favors Sales Tax To the Editor: Your communications column is a fine thing—a safety valve where people may voice their likes and dislikes and I too have a "beef" about the Oregon state double tax.

My own property in California from which I derive a livable income, and when I paid the Oregon state tax this month I paid \$84, while to California, where my source of living comes from, the tax was 92 cents. Is that fair? It is not. I lived in California for many years and never in all that time was the state tax over \$7.50 for both my husband and myself.

The sales tax is the only logical way to increase state funds. We are taxed to the limit here as it is now—but somehow one never misses the sales tax. Thousands of tourists travel through this beautiful country each year, and they spend money here. They will spend no less, even though the 3 per cent tax is levied on their purchases. It is done in so many states now—no one thinks anything of it, and the tourist trade alone would bring in many thousands of dollars to our state treasury. However, I don't think food, meat, milk and such, should be taxed.

I wish someone would tell me why Oregon is so slow (or stubborn) in adopting the modern, and better methods of living in general, of her sister states.

In talking to one "dyed-in-the-wool" Oregonian I asked her that question, and I said, "Do you people really want to keep Oregon in the horse and buggy age?" She answered, "We like it that way." "And the quicker the California-Oakies go back where they come from the better it will suit us." Perhaps that is the answer to my question.

But I love this valley of the Rogue and have purchased a home here, and have met some very wonderful people and I am staying regardless, but I would like to see this lovely state bring itself up to date.

Three cheers for the sales tax! Nina M. Chandler, 917 Newtown

Against Fluoridation To the Editor: Since Medford's water supply is too pure for healthful living, steps are now being taken to have it hopped up with fluorin to prevent tooth decay.

I understand that fluorin is a poisonous element, similar to chlorine (which was used in World War I as a deadly poison gas). An element such as fluorin when taken into the body is there to stay and is stored up in the system as a foreign matter. If enough is accumulated in one place it could cause serious illness, even paralysis.

Very few sensible people would stand in the way to prevent a child from his rightful heritage of strong teeth, free of caries. But if there was a possibility that the method used to stop tooth decay would eventually cause that child to become a cripple or a victim of some disease the situation would be looked upon in a different manner.

Instead of taking the easy, but uncertain and perhaps dangerous way of correcting bad teeth why not turn to the sensible, sure and natural method, which is proper nutrition. I'll admit it is a difficult problem in this modern age of refined, precooked, homogenized, sugared, buttered, distorted and guess-what's-in-it foods, but if a person WORKS at it his efforts would bring about the desired results.

The foundation of all tooth misery could very easily be the excessive use of refined sugar and bleached flour, leaving very little room or appetite for the real body-building foods such as fruits, vegetables, proteins and whole grains. Health authorities are both willing and able to help cooperative parents in their nutritional problems.

Just one more thing before turning this off and that is a word about the solid teeth of the Eskimo, before the white man invasion with candy for the kiddies. It is a well-known fact that the Eskimo women made a practice of chewing their mates' shoes which were made of animal skins, not to get even, of course, but to make the skins soft and pliable. It would take teeth of stone to chew out a job such as that. And THEIR water supply — was it spiked with fluorin? No, Dennis, it was snow water as pure and clean as our own Medford water.

Mabel Vroman 1006 So. Grape St., Medford, Ore.

Grunewald Convicted On Tax Bribery Charge New York — (U.P.) — Henry Grunewald, Washington influence peddler and tax fixer, was convicted last night of fraud and obstructing justice in a \$160,000 tax bribery case.

Grunewald was freed on \$30,000 bail until his sentencing Friday despite a government warning that "the mystery man" has more than one million dollars in hidden cash and might try to flee the country.

Grunewald could be sent to prison for five years and be fined \$10,000.

NCAAP Convention Set In Klamath Falls Soon Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The Northwest area conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold its biennial meeting in Klamath Falls this year.

NCAAP chapters in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Alaska are expected to send delegates to the meet which is set for April 23 and 24.



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Bills in Legislature

Salem — (U.P.) —The Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee headed by Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Salem) Monday voted out with a favorable recommendation a memorial calling on congress to name the lake back of McNary Dam "Aldrich Lake," in honor of E. B. Aldrich, late publisher of the East Oregonian at Pendleton.

The committee also considered a package of racing bills, but took no action.

It tabled a House Joint Memorial passed by the House to call on congress to fund for the Green Peter and Cougar Dam projects in the Willamette Basin for licensing of hydroelectric installations by local agencies.

Salem — (U.P.) —The House Monday passed a bill providing for the subdividing of Multnomah county, despite scattered objections that the measure should have been considered at the same time as subdividing proposals for Marion and Lane counties.

The bill, which has already passed the Senate, would provide that populous Multnomah be cut into districts for the election of each of its 16 representatives in the state Legislature. They are now elected from the county at large.

Similar bills for Marion and Lane counties are now in Senate and House committees.

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