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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 April 1, 1945 (It was Sunday) Verl G. Walker, Walter D. Jensen, and Oscar Minnick...

20 YEARS AGO April 1, 1935 (It was Monday) R. A. Work, Olen Arnspiger, and Clinton Smith prepare report...

30 YEARS AGO April 1, 1925 (It was Wednesday) Eula Benson, junior mathematics student, and Edward C. Kelly, first year law student...

40 YEARS AGO April 1, 1915 (It was Thursday) Reports from Medford weather bureau shows seasonal deficiency of rain at 11.51 inches.

From the Local and Personal column: The street department is regrading dirt streets in the residential districts...

What's the Answer? (Can You Get 4 of the 7?) Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report 1. The guaranteed annual wage is now an issue...

Economy Is the Issue

One of the reasons why Oregon is faced with an estimated \$60,000,000 deficit for the biennium starting July 1 and why our lawmakers and tax experts are casting about in all directions for possible additional revenue sources is the continual demand for more state spending.

These demands cover many fields and there is no denying that practically all of them have at least some merit. However, a state, like an individual, must balance spending with income...

AMONG the many items for which Oregon tax money goes are the boards, bureaus, departments, commissions, administrations and like agencies set up to arrange for, control or develop the various services, facilities and conveniences which the voters have been led to believe are needed.

Of course, the complicated and widely ramified business of state government does require many departments and agencies. There is no question about that. Even a "furniture and bedding advisory council," such as we have, may be necessary.

INSTEAD of moving in that direction, for the sake of economy, the legislature is presently considering adding still another administrative agency—this one to take over from the state highway commission the management and maintenance of the state's parks and to acquire additional land for park purposes.

Until a few weeks ago there were no indications that anyone felt the highway commission was not doing all that could be expected considering the amount of money it had to do with for the park program.

Those who have visited any of the parks which the commission has set up and maintained have found them uniformly good. True, it would be fine to have more parks. They constitute a recreational asset not only for people residing in their vicinity but for tourists.

But the decision as to number size and location of state parks should be predicated upon the amount of money the taxpayers feel they can afford for such purposes.

THE OREGONIAN, one of the principal proponents of the change, brushes off the latter consideration, however, with the observation that "To argue over dollars and cents, or the pros and cons of removing a function of the highway department, is to thresh about futilely on the fringe of the real issue."

The real issue, as we see it, is not whether we should have more parks—and a new and undoubtedly more expensive set-up for park administration and maintenance—but whether the state of Oregon can afford such a change at this time.

The paramount issue right now is economy, whether it be our parks program or in any other state function.—E.C.F.

Hunting, Fishing Big Business

When the Oregon state legislature, back in 1905, passed the first law requiring residents of the state to have a license to hunt game, probably few if any of the lawmakers had any idea how greatly the work of licensing sportsmen and the carrying on of control and propagation of game and fish would expand in the years to come.

THE first fishing licenses were issued in 1909. As there was no game commission at the time the laws were passed, both fishing and hunting permits were handled by individual counties of the state which forwarded fees collected to the state treasurer to be put in the game protective fund. It was not until 1912 that such fees were collected directly by the state.

Although license sales figures are not available for those early years, it may be presumed that the totals were not large. It is a different story today. The game commission's latest biennium report shows receipts totaling \$2,552,575 from licenses for angling and hunting.

While the license fees add up to an impressive sum, the figures do not tell the whole revenue story. Fines levied for infractions of the game laws add considerably to the take. According to the annual report of the state police, violators were assessed a total of \$102,650.75 in fines last year alone. Of the 2,483 arrests recorded the most, 460 to be exact, were for hunting in prohibited areas, during illegal hours, or by illegal methods.

HUNTING and fishing haven't become big business in Oregon alone, however. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, there were 32,654,199 devotees of one or both of the sports in the nation during the last fiscal year. Although sixteen states issued a total of 347,070 free hunting and fishing licenses enough other sportsmen paid for permits to bring the total up to \$84,975,516 for the period.—E.C.F.

Lone Mississippi Red Dies

Washington — (U.P.) — "The Communist party has died 'of natural causes' in Mississippi," Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. (D-Mass.) said yesterday, after studying a state-by-state breakdown of 1951 Communist Party membership on exhibit before the House Rules Committee Thursday.

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.

Water Bill Opposed

To the Editor: Would like to call attention to a bill before the Legislature entitled, House Bill No. 26. This bill concerns the surface ground water. It is very vicious, dictatorial, and socialistic in principle. If passed it will be a source of discontent among all property owners outside of the municipalities and cause many ill feelings.

I hope all property owners will write to Senator Philip Lowry, Senate Chamber, Salem, for a copy and read it over very carefully several times. And please enclose six cents in stamps as Mr. Lowry does not enjoy any franking privilege.

If we are still living under a free flag, then this bill should never be enacted. M. F. Allen, Trail Creek Rt., Trail, Oregon.

She Agrees

To the Editor: I wish to agree with Grace Pearson in her answer, published March 30 in the Mail Tribune, to William Krauss. I am not a member of them but some day I may join them.

If any one is a real Christian they would not fight them. They are sure living up to trying their best to teach what Christ wants all people to know and they do not ask you or me for one cent. They pay their own way wherever they go.

Christians all over fight these people and if you or anyone think you are a Christian you are not, because Christians do not fight another Christian. Just get in and study the most wonderful book in the world.

As to the flag it is an emblem, not God, or anything that represents such, and I know they respect it, and so do I as my people have all died in all these American wars. I am 100 per cent an American, ancestors go back 275 years.

I have been a Bible student since old enough to read. Jehovah Witnesses are not a cult bunch either. There are 250 or more churches teaching too many things not Christlike. I hope all church people as well as others study the Bible and they all will love Jehovah Witnesses instead of hate.

William Ross Sharp 26 Portland ave. Medford, Ore.

Is That So?

By Eugene Burns Ranger-Naturalist

MAN WENT FISHING 4,000 YEARS AGO "With the angling season bearing down on us, can't you put us straight on the origins of our great sport?" writes J. O. B., an Oakland Tribune reader.

Frankly, J. O. B., there are few things I would rather discuss. As you perhaps know, angling as a sport reaches into antiquity. In fact the oldest representation of an angler with a rod goes back almost 4,000 years



and shows some anglers from the Middle East fishing with a short 6-foot rod.

The first mention of fishing with a fly — it may have been a natural fly impaled upon a hook — is right around the time of Christ.

Two centuries later, Aelian wrote, telling exactly how artificial flies were tied by the Macedonians who caught fish "with speckled skins, not doubt trout. He wrote: 'They fasten red wool around the hook and fix on to the wool two feathers which grow under a cock's wattle, and which in color are like wax.'

The next mention of artificial flies is 1,400 years later — and the book compiled by a woman, Dame Juliana Berners, is the Treatise of Fysshynge with an Angle.

Following this, in 1653 Isaac Walton wrote his immortal book The Compleat Angler, which has gone into some 250 editions (of which my revised and edited edition for the 300th anniversary is perhaps the last).

In these early days, the rod was made of cane or some light

to give them the precious things that cannot be taken from them, that their lives may be full of peace, happiness and hope and not just empty cisterns to be filled with doubts, fears and worldly lusts.

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Witnesses Supported

To the Editor: Just a few lines in regard to the people who are against Jehovah Witnesses, and for barring them from using any public buildings, which is wrong. People pay taxes and these buildings are built by tax money.

Jehovah Witnesses pay taxes and their children go to public schools.

I am between 75 and 80 years old and have been a member of two churches and was a teacher for years but I gave up as our churches are not teaching the Bible the way they should, and 40 years ago as I got deeper in the study of the Bible, I learned a great many things Jehovah Witnesses are teaching now. No better Bible students in the world today than Jehovah Witnesses.

I am not a member of them but some day I may join them. If any one is a real Christian they would not fight them. They are sure living up to trying their best to teach what Christ wants all people to know and they do not ask you or me for one cent. They pay their own way wherever they go.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

That city is fortunate that has a hotel that is the center of the life of the town, that is rooted in the soil of the country in which both the hotel and the city are located, where everybody goes for every civic purpose, that is a showplace for the community and for the entire area in which the community is located.

SUCH a hotel is La Fonda, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. It is located at a corner of the ancient plaza that is overlooked by the three and a half centuries old Governor's Palace that was built in 1610. Its architecture is the characteristic architecture of Spanish New Mexico. Its furnishings are the characteristic furnishings of that glamorous period of the American Southwest.

The pictures on its walls are by local artists—Santa Fe has a very considerable art colony of its own. On the walls of a covered patio that is one of its main entrances is a map of the old Santa Fe trail. Its kitchens produce and serve the native foods of the region. In one corner of the lobby is a store where authentic handicrafts of the Southwest—Indian jewelry, Indian blankets, Indian dolls, the new casual clothes that are being produced by gifted designers who have settled in the Santa Fe country and other native products of the region—are sold at reasonable prices by people who are intimately familiar with the products and with their historical background.

LA FONDA is an authentic cross section of the colorful and charming Santa Fe country and its rich heritage of romance and adventure and old world flavor.

THERE is a proverb to the effect that no rose is without its thorn.

Well, La Fonda has its thorn. The thorn is its parking lot. The lot is located at the hotel's rear. It is courteously staffed. Your feelings are never ruffled. Your wants are pleasantly taken care of. But you never, NEVER have the faintest idea what your bill at the lot is going to be.

It all depends on the number of times you go in and out with your car. The price schedule calls for a fairly stiff charge for the first hour, and a smaller charge for the hours thereafter. Every time you go out and come back in, a new first hour starts. And you're apt to be coming in and going out rather often, for there are many fascinating things to be seen in the country roundabout.

It isn't that the charges are exorbitant. They aren't. They average right along with the charges at storage garages in the average city. It's just that you wear your fingers out counting up on them what your parking charge is going to be, and never hit it on the nose.

BUT—

You may say— Why not park on the street if you're too tight to pay the charges in the hotel's parking lot—or too short on mathematical ability to properly compute what your bill is going to be?

THEREIN—if you should ask such a question—you would betray your lack of understanding of the backgrounds of this oldest city in America.

When Santa Fe was founded, in the declining years of the 16th century (some two or three generations before the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock) there were three kinds of transport in the upper valley of the Rio Grande.

- 1. By Shank's ponies. 2. By ox or mule cart. 3. By the prancing steeds of the gay Spanish caballeros. None of these three methods required wide streets. So, when the city was laid out, the streets were made narrow—if, for no other reason, to insure that cost of cobblestone pavements would not be too prohibitive.

FOR the first two or three quarters of the city's more than three centuries of history the idea worked wonderfully.

But there came then the automobile, which made a mess of things. On most of the old streets there is barely room for two cars to pass, with NO room for parking. So, since no room (or very little room) is available for street parking and since Santa Fe has at least as many automobiles in proportion to its population as any other American city, you can see what a problem parking is.

A Nichol's Worth of... Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington — (U.P.) — If you see a tall man in a smart gray suit and a pearl-gray homburg sniffling through a trash can in an alley in your town it could be Dr. Frank Monaghan.



The dignified professor, historian and a p editor is Nicholas No. 1 sworn enemy of uncleanness. Dr. Monaghan is director of the National Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up bureau. If there is one thing he can't stand it's a house peeling off old paint, or something on the seamy side, like a garbage pail with its lid off.

National Clean-Up week is his annual goal, and always comes in the spring, but the professor has his nose to the stone, or to the wind, the year around. "I run about the country looking for filth," he said in an interview. "If I find any, and most of the time I do, I try to my level best to see that something is done about it. You can get a lot done by screaming 'For Shame!' and leaning on civic pride. If there is no civic pride around, stir up some." Townspeople Astounded

Folks to whom the graying professor lectures often are astounded at what he knows about their town. "But doctor," they say, "you just got here."

Oddly are that he didn't just get there. He sneaked in during the black hours and did some prowling around the streets, alleys and by-ways, taking mental notes on neglect and dreaming up a picture of what could be a lovely town.

"If I don't have any luck with the big folks," the clean-up man said, "I work with the kids. You can get a lot of leaves raked and trash hauled away with a few lollypops or a dozen hot dogs with onions and mustard."

While teaching, he used to initiate his new classes with the thought that "Education is the best substitute for intelligence." Today, he likes to add, "you can begin with the youngsters and work up to the adults."

Often if he has a free action in a new town, he will gather the neighborhood kids around a fire and organize what he likes to call "The Happy Digger-Planter club."

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