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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of The Mail Tribune 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO
Feb. 8, 1947 (Saturday)

Bruce Lininger of the Lininger Sand and Gravel plant says he is in sympathy with owners of strike-bound Medford Concrete Construction company.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Ashland will stage a Shakespearean festival next August. Shakespeare is the Comice pear of the poets.

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 8, 1937 (Monday)

First National Bank of Portland today formally takes over the First National Bank of Ashland and the State Bank of Ashland.

Traffic out of southern Oregon resumes normal procedure as snow-blocked highways to the south are reported clear or partially clear.

30 YEARS AGO
Feb. 8, 1927 (Tuesday)

City planning commission rejects petition of Harry Caton who requested permission to construct and operate a service station here.

Representatives from Grants Pass, Ashland and Medford attended Southern Oregon Bar association meeting at Medford hotel.

40 YEARS AGO
Feb. 8, 1917 (Thursday)

Effort is being made to secure enough hogs from the farmers in Central Point district to make community shipment to Portland Union stockyards.

An American Negro fireman, George Washington, is killed, when British steamship Turino is sunk by German submarine.

What's Your I.Q.?

Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.

1. Philadelphia, Pa., 1782: Fustians and jeans manufactured in the U.S. What are "fustians"?
2. To whom did Bacchus empower to turn whatever he touched into gold?
3. Bible: Who was the "angel come down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit."?
4. At what age do children usually show the first curiosity of birth and sex?
5. Canadian troops fought in the World War II Pacific theater; true or false?
6. What is the general term for low-laced shoes?
7. Is the Japanese "hara-kiri" a wrestling skill, ceremonial suicide, or a feast?
8. The Townsend Plan dealt with which subject?
9. What is UNRRA?
10. "No man can feel himself alone / The while he bravely stands / Between best friends ever known / His good, honest, h—s."—John Hancock.

Answers: 1. Baggy-like pants of twill, etc. 2. Midas. 3. Satan. 4. From 5 to 7 years of age. 5. True. 6. Oxfords. 7. Ceremonial suicide. 8. Old-age pensions. 9. United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. 10. "Hands."

UNMARRIED TAXED

Seoul—(U.P.)—The Communist authorities in North Korea are levying heavy taxes on unmarried women in an attempt to force them to marry Chinese Communist soldiers, the newspaper Seoul Shinmun reported today.

Who's "Crummy?"

To the Editor: If New York City is the retarded backwater of sloth and decadence that you suggest in your Editorial Feb. 1, what does that make Medford?

Why not get rid of all the automobile parking areas in your town, plant trees, prohibit automobiles in the city limits and place hitching posts along the curbs?

After all, Medford's nothing but a crummy horse and buggy place at best.

James Halvorson
Portland, Oregon

Now, now, Mr. Halvorson. Let's not be abusive.

Medford's really a mighty "purty" little town. We haven't seen a horse and buggy for some time. But, doggone it, it'd be a sight for sore eyes if we did.

And isn't it Portland's own Ernest Holbrook who advocates a state law prohibiting any more people from moving into Oregon? He thinks there are too many now. And some people agree with him. We do too, sometimes, usually when we get all snarled up in a traffic jam on the way home.

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OUR Portland correspondent, whether he knows it or not, in his second paragraph makes, facetiously we are sure, the same suggestion that forward-looking city planners are making in all seriousness—all except the hitching posts, anyway.

Their point is that downtown areas everywhere are getting more and more congested; that downtown parking facilities simply tend to attract more and more cars, thus adding to the traffic congestion; and that the solution is not to attract more CARS but more PEOPLE.

They put great emphasis on the development of adequate mass transportation facilities to do this. They also suggest downtown parking prohibition, and efforts to make the downtown shopping areas more attractive to people by the addition of trees, shrubs, park areas and so on.

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AS A matter of fact, the more we think over Mr. Halvorson's note, the more we agree with his suggestions—although we rather resent his somewhat unappetizing reference to Medford as "crummy." That it is not—not yet, anyway.

After the last park has succumbed to asphalt, after the last tree is gone, after the four-lane aerial freeway lifts the gaseous and noisy traffic high overhead—then, maybe, Medford will fit that description.

But as long as the parks remain, and as long as people can be sad to see a tree vanish in favor of a billboard; as long as people can be honest and friendly in their disagreements; as long as they love their children and support their schools and vote in elections, and give to the United Crusade, and build hospitals—as long as Medford remains THAT sort of town, we'll continue to believe it's as pleasant a spot as any in the world. How about it, Mr. Halvorson?—E.A.

Sour Note

Engineering journals, scientific periodicals, and newspapers in larger cities and on university campuses, are filled with ads these days, pleading for engineers.

A great hue and cry has been raised about the shortage of engineers, and great companies view the situation with alarm, manpower authorities make disparaging comparisons between the situation here and in Russia, and so on.

Probably this all is very true, and serious to boot. But one publication, Aviation Week, strikes a sour note in a recent issue.

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IT REPORTED the results of a recent survey conducted by a group of men who answered 30 magazine and 75 newspaper advertisements of that kind.

The results were "confusing and discouraging," the magazine reported.

Form letters, some unsigned and some not even bearing a name and address, were received from 12 companies. Only 23 answered specific questions asked in the application; the other 53 ignored the question.

Out of the 105 letters sent out, 50 resulted in actual applications being made. Thirteen of these were not acknowledged. Three asked engineers with five years of experience to take aptitude tests. Of 31 job offers, three cast aspersions at the schools listed. One company, which has five different projects, received five applications. It sent back five different salary figures, for five different jobs. The applicant was turned down by four and found eligible by the fifth.

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THE conclusion reported by the magazine was that there is no real shortage of engineers, at least judging by the way companies reply to applications for engineering employment.

This may not be a wholly valid conclusion, for statistics do indicate that the supply does not meet the demand. But it can be concluded that the situation isn't as desperate as those flossy-looking ads would indicate—the ads which draw the applications which are then kicked around or ignored.—E.A.

"Till Death Do Us Part . . ."

A picture yesterday shows Liz Taylor and her new (and third) husband. The marital exploits of others (Rita Hayworth, Marilyn Monroe, Marie McDonald, Barbara Hutton, Doris Duke—to name only a few) are well known.

This leads us to wonder: When they get wrinkles and gray hairs, and lose their figures, and shed the last of their husbands, aren't they going to be bitter and lonely and frustrated? Sex and excitement and change may be stimulating in youth. But it's a darned poor preparation for getting old.—E.A.

Pending Union Investigation Reminds of Wall Street Probe

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent

Washington—(U.P.)—The stop-look-and-listen sign is up for organized labor in the United States.

Lyle C. Wilson

The sign blazes brightest right now for the most powerful union of them all — Dave Beck's Teamsters. Beck and other labor leaders, within whose unions are fat locals with peculiar methods of keeping books, would do well to take a tip from Wall Street's experience.

A special Senate committee is squaring away now for an investigation of suspect union financial practices. As good a friend of organized labor as Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.) chaired a lesser investigation two years ago.

The house cleaners from the outside already are moving. Douglas Thursday introduced in the Senate a bill directed against embezzlement, kickbacks and other abuses in the union administration of employee welfare funds. Cosponsors were Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.), a notable New Dealer, and Sen. Irving M. Ives (R-N.Y.) a left of center Republican, neither ever accused of labor baiting.

Douglas reported that his 1955 inquiry turned up "shocking abuses such as embezzlement, collusion, kickbacks, exorbitant insurance charges . . . mismanagement, waste, extravagance, indifference, nepotism."

Old timers around town can remember when good friends of Wall Street were making equally serious charges against the big-time financial practices which flowered in what became known as the Coolidge boom. Wall Street big shots scorned the device of taking a Fifth Amendment defense against testifying to their own misdeeds.

There was perjury aplenty, however, in the record of the Senate's stock market investigation conducted by a banking and currency subcommittee with Judge Ferdinand Pecora of New York as chief counsel.

It is not necessarily a reflection on Dave Beck that he presently is out of the country and out of the subpena jurisdiction of Senate labor investigators, nor that he is the lone big-time labor holdout against firing union officials who hide behind the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

Beck might consider, however, the ancient dictum which goes like this: The bigger they are, the harder they fall. Wall Street learned the truth of that the hard way. In the process of learning, a president of the New York Stock Exchange went to jail, the presidents of New York's two largest banks were forced to resign, one of them in the utmost disgrace, the other pinned as a reckless promoter who had no business running a bank in the first place.

Challenge Grounds Similar

It may be significant that Beck's underlings have challenged the Senate's right to investigate union finances on the very grounds on which the late John W. Davis and other notable lawyers sought to protect their banking clients in the early 1930's from Pecora's questions.

Davis on occasion told the Pecora subcommittee that it lacked authority to pry into the matters under review. The subcommittee's response in all cases simply was to return to the Senate and obtain specific authority to proceed.

History could and doubtless will repeat itself if labor witnesses persist in that strategy. The new special Senate committee will have broader specific authority than the standing committee which began the inquiry with some of Beck's men as witnesses. The investigation will range for months, nationwide.

The chairman will be the same, however: Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.). Balky labor leaders will learn that McClellan is a tough man. He has put offenders on notice to clean house if they don't want him to do it for them.

OK By Arab Leaders For Mid-East Plan Tops News of Week

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

Leaders of three Arab nations expressed approval of the new Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East as the result of talks with the President in Washington.

Charles McCann

Partly because of economic strain caused by the surge of revolt in Communist Europe, the Soviet Russian government announced a big cutback in the rate of its industrial expansion.

In another move related to its political difficulties, the Soviet government accused the United States of carrying out a big spy campaign in Russia.

Officials in Washington and London intimated strongly that President Eisenhower is likely to meet British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan in March.

It is likely that Eisenhower also will meet French Premier Guy Mollet after he sees Macmillan.

Doctrine

President Eisenhower's proposal to use American forces, if necessary, to combat armed Communist aggression in the Middle East was given a big boost by spokesmen for three of the countries which would be affected.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia, Crown Prince Abdul Illah of Iraq and Foreign Minister Charles Malik of Lebanon all endorsed the aims of the doctrine as the result of talks with the President.

Cutback

The Russian government announced at a meeting of the Supreme Soviet Parliament in Moscow that its rate of industrial expansion for 1957 would be 7.1 per cent. This compares with an average of 11 to 12 per cent for previous years since the end of World War II.

One reason for the cutback is that the rebellious spirit of people in the Soviet satellite countries has compelled the Soviet government to deliver more goods to them. Another is that unrest in Russia itself has compelled the government to make concessions to its own people.

Spies

At a theatrically-staged press conference in Moscow, the Soviet Foreign Ministry produced four Russians who, it said, had confessed to spying for the United States after having been parachuted to Russian territory from American planes. The United States, an official statement said, is waging a "secret war" of subversion against Communist countries.

Meeting

The prospective meeting of President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan is a follow-up to negotiations conducted in Washington by British Defense Minister Duncan Sandys. Sandys said in London that he had reached full agreement on defense cooperation, especially in the field of guided missiles.

Dead Girls' Mother Gets 'Confession'

Chicago — (U.P.) — Authorities sought today the identity of a letter writer who "confessed" the slaying of two teen-aged sisters and asked the victim's mother for forgiveness.

Police also awaited a complete medical report on the cause of the girls' deaths in the hope it might shed light on the murder. The report is expected to be ready today or Saturday.

The latest possible clue came in a letter signed "Trudy" and sent to the victims' mother, Mrs. Loretta Grimes, 48.

The letter, similar to one received by Mrs. Grimes last Saturday, said in part:

"My name is Trudy. Please forgive me for killing your daughters."

The letter listed the names of two men, one nicknamed "Trudy," and urged Mrs. Grimes to "tell police to check on them."

Authorities sought the two men listed in the letter and the mystery writer.

Jet Plane Missing From Paine Air Base

Everett, Wash. — (U.P.) — An F-89H jet stationed at nearby Paine Air Force Base was reported missing and presumed down early today.

The jet, with a pilot and radar observer aboard, left the base about 11 p.m. (PST) Thursday on a routine training mission with two other planes.

The other two jets returned safely but the last radar contact with the missing plane was made shortly after midnight.

Coast Guard headquarters here said five cutters had been altered for search efforts. The plane was believed down in the Port Gamble area across Puget Sound and about 20 miles southeast of here.

Blocked Off Reno Area Reopened

Reno, Nev. —(U.P.)— The downtown Reno area, ordered evacuated following Tuesday's blasts and fire, was reopened last night after a 32-hour check for possible gas concentrations.

The six-block area, containing much of Reno's main business district, was ordered evacuated Wednesday morning when jittery workers noticed gas odors and feared another explosion.

Tuesday's blasts and fire was believed caused by leaking gas. Two persons were killed, 42 were injured, five buildings were destroyed and many others were damaged.

Year's Farm Outlook Sees Price Increases

St. Louis—(U.P.)—Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson said yesterday the farm outlook for the year ahead is for modest increase in prices and income.

Benson told the convention of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts here that prices received by farmers have been running about 7 per cent above those of last year.

FIGURE THIS ONE

St. Joseph, Mich.—(U.P.) — A motorist's request for license plate numbers 36-24-36 has been rejected by state officials. The motorist said he wanted the numbers to match his girl friend's measurements.

Neuberger Eyes Claims That Korea Was Truman's War

By
Sen. RICHARD NEUBERGER

Washington, D.C. — (Special) —Republican talk of Korea as "Truman's War" has helped to harm the Democrats in four elections—1950, '52, '54 and '56. There is scant doubt of that. This talk has been cruel and ruthless, but it has been effective. As Republicans keynoter last year, Governor Langlie of Washington referred to Korea as "a costly and fruitless" war.

Many Oregon Democrats ask me about this. They, too, are troubled—troubled because the war in Korea has damaged our party politically, and also troubled because of a feeling that perhaps our action in Korea may have been a mistake. I always answer these disturbed inquiries wih several quotes.

"No Recourse"

In June of 1950, soon after American forces were ordered to intervene against the invaders from North Korea, President Dwight D. Eisenhower of Columbia University told reporters: "There was no recourse but to do what President Truman did."

On August 31, 1953, Vice President Nixon said to the American Legion convention: "Let's recognize right now that the decision to go into Korea was right because the Communists had to be stopped."

Undoubtedly, Harry Truman's sending of our troops to Korea had an adverse political impact on the Democratic Party. Yet history asks only what was right and not what was politically successful.

Employees Help To Save Business

Detroit — (U.P.) — The 376 employees of the Hammond-Standish & Co. meat packing plant are paying out part of their salaries in an effort to keep their jobs and the firm alive.

Joseph Strobl, president of the 99-year-old firm, said Wednesday he was counting on the money to keep the company in business.

Strobl said that if the plan worked the employees would be able to keep their jobs and eventually would get their money back. If it doesn't, he said, they lose both job and money.

Strobl said the program of cooperation between management and the members of Packing House Workers Union Local 190 allowed each employee to sign a contract giving 10 per cent of his pay to a special benefit fund for the next five years.

He said he estimated the donations would reach about $90,000 by the end of the five-year period and would be used as working capital and to cover operating losses.

"If we hadn't made this agreement," Strobl said, "there was a good chance we would have gone out of business but now we hope the plan will let us get out of the red and back into the black again."

POLICE GIVE UP

Columbus, Ohio—(U.P.) — The Police Department yielded Thursday under pressure of a spelling lesson by Austin Besancon, principal of Columbus' East High School. Embarrassed officials rushed to remove signs from in front of the school when Besancon told they had the word "yield" in signs reading "yield to pedestrains" spelled "yeild".

Teaching, Brainpower Discussed by Babson

By ROGER W. BABSON

Babson Park, Mass. — Two basic financial problems are facing every city and town today. (1) Higher interest rates must be paid for all money borrowed, including that for new schools, and there is a shortage of money at any cost. (2) Higher salaries are being demanded by teachers, and there is a shortage of teachers at any wage.

Roger W. Babson

Almost all other groups of workers have increased production as their wages have risen; the carpenters use electric tools; the painters spray, instead of using hand brushes; the doctors make quicker "calls" by telephone; while stores are fast adopting "self-service." Even the blond typist uses an electric typewriter; while her boss uses a Soundscriber. The housewife herself has cut down her work so as to make it unnecessary to employ maids and laundries; and, in fact, she can even earn money by an outside part-time job.

With the faithful school teacher, the results are often the opposite. It is true that she has been given more "things" to teach and to talk about. These have been forced upon her school superintendent by high-pressure textbook salesmen and politicians. These outside "things" take the teacher's time and strength. I greatly sympathize with all school teachers in their predicament.

Teaching Inefficient

But the fact is that her product does not increase in efficiency and usefulness as her salary is increased. The good women now teaching my grandchildren get more than double the pay which the teachers received when I was in school. I, however, am convinced that these children do not get the training that I had 50 years ago. Moreover, every employer will say that the product of our schools is not as good as it formerly was. Furthermore, we employers are not allowed to "return the goods and get our money back" when the work of a graduate is inefficient and careless.

Basically, the job of a school teacher is to help her pupils develop their brains. If this has been properly accomplished, the other needs — character, health, posture and personality — will naturally follow. Yet, our public school students are not taught anything today about their brain. They utterly fail to realize its marvelous powers, how it works, and its tremendous unused possibilities. In fact, only in the past year did I get interested in my own brain through Dr. George Russell Harrison, the wonderful M.I.T. Dean of Science. Write him for a copy of his article in a recent Atlantic Monthly. (Please enclose needed return postage!)

How to Remedy Our Difficulty

Now here is a suggestion which those responsible for the cost of the teaching of your children should seriously consider. Begin in the lower grades to interest the children in their brains. Instead of giving them "CAT" as the first word to spell, give them "BRAINS" to spell! Have at the top of every Report Card these words: "Report On How Your Brain Is Working." Constantly keep the children conscious of their brains and its marvelous possibilities.

Recently, I asked some boys what kind of reading interested them most? One replied, "Airplane Engines"; another said, "Space Flying"; while a third said, "To understand how a TV works." Then when I began to tell them of the marvelous machinery inside their own heads, they were fascinated. I gave them only one illustration of what happens when they see an object, and how the light waves reflected therefrom are changed to electrical impulses which in turn are registered and stored in a minute memory compartment of their brain to be taken out and used years later.

Terrific Results Possible

My point is this: Physiologists tell us that we are using our brains at only three per cent of capacity. If so, think what it would mean to our future and the future of the nation to increase this 3 per cent to only 6 per cent. It could not only double the efficiency of every public school graduate, but it could double our standard of living and it could make every one of us better, healthier, and happier. Then every teacher would gladly be given double her present salary, and more!

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

Law Separated

To the Editor: Many citizens have been sending Biblical questions for some time to the Ministers Roundtable of Protestant association of ministers of Medford. I have listened to their sectarian ideas on many subjects, and can say they have never given a true New Testament answer to any question so far.

So, for the benefit of all honest Christians in all churches, I ask all ministers, why don't they divorce the Law of Moses (John 1-17) from the Law of Christ. The law ended with John the Baptist (Luke 16-16, Romans 10-4). Law given by Moses (Exodus 34-37, 38). Law abolished by Christ (Second Corinthians 3-6 to 13) abolished 1957 years ago.

I am an evangelist and teacher, and separate the Law of Moses from the Law of Christ. I teach the commandment of Christ and have had 37 years in evangelist work. Am an independent disciple of Christ. Am open for calls to any group who want the pure doctrine of Christ.

Evangelist William E. Brown
21 Genessee st.
Medford, Ore.

People Act The Same

To the Editor: Mrs. J. N. Taylor's description of the actions of the stray dog as described in her letter of February 3, Sunday Tribune, was very touching.

People act the same way when anyone attempts to feed them the Word of God.

Gloria Dey
333 Cross st.
Medford, Ore.

KILLED BY AUTO

Portland — (U.P.) — Anna Culver, 71, was killed last night when struck by a car. It was Portland's fourth 1957 traffic fatality.