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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 12, 1947 (Saturday). Plans for a campaign to raise funds for a YMCA building in Medford have been completed and members of a new building committee named.

From the Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: Horticulturalists Fri. rebelled an attack by Jackson K. Frost, the well-known April nuisance.

20 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1927 (Monday). Two air mail schedules out of Medford will be discontinued temporarily beginning on next Thursday, according to Postmaster Frank DeSouza.

Mrs. Effie Kurtz and Mrs. Lois Young, co-chairmen for observance of national music week in Medford, receive notice from Gov. Charles H. Martin proclaiming the week in Oregon.

30 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1927 (Tuesday). W. W. Allen elected president of Rotary club.

J. Howard Rodda, well-known bicycle rider and representative of the cycle trades of America, has arranged with local bicycle dealers a bicycle parade Saturday.

40 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1917 (Thursday). The Medford public schools will be visited tomorrow by State Superintendent J. A. Churchill.

Thirty thousand feet of lumber is being hauled to Palmer creek and to the Blue League mine by its owners.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. In 1846 did the U.S. settle the "Oregon" boundary treaty with Great Britain or Canada. 2. Sir Walter Raleigh was convicted of treason in 1603 and died 15 years later. Did he die naturally in prison, or was he beheaded or hanged? 3. Bible: Who said "One of you which eateth with me shall betray me?" 4. Name the capital of Chile. 5. Who enunciated the "Four Freedoms"? 6. Sapphira is the name of a musical instrument, a low-grade morn, or an apple-like fruit? 7. From which opera is the selection known as "Evening Star"? 8. Iceland is noted for its hot springs: true or false? 9. Which is the principal vowel in "arterial"? 10. "Our prentice Tom may now refuse, To wipe his s--- master's shoes."—Farquar. Answers: 1. Canada. 2. Beheaded. 3. Jesus. 4. Santiago. 5. Franklin D. Roosevelt. 6. Apple-like fruit. 7. Tannhauser. 8. True. 9. "e". 10. Scoundrel.

Eugene Youth Killed as Car Skids on Wet Road

Eugene — (U.P.) — Terry Lee Marshall, 17, of Eugene, was killed about 10:40 p.m. Thursday when the car in which he was riding skidded out of control on wet pavement near Noti and hit a bridge abutment.

With Marshall when the accident occurred on the Noti-Vaughn road was Danny Nolan Tucker, 16, also of Eugene. Marshall was thrown from the car. Young Tucker was treated at a Eugene hospital and released.

"Kilroy Was Here"

Who was Kilroy? And what did he do? The august New York Times recently devoted a long editorial to a fanciful discussion of this semi-legendary character, so familiar to any World War II serviceman.

Kilroy was ubiquitous. His trade mark, the slogan "Kilroy Was Here"—sometimes accompanied by a little drawing of a long nose poking over a fence—was found everywhere American troops went. He left his mark on palm trees in the South Pacific, on walls in Iceland, in men's rooms in Cairo, London, Tokyo, Panama, and, sad to say, in less-reputable places, too.

KILROY (no one knows for sure who named him, or how he sprang into full and happy life virtually overnight throughout the world) was, perhaps more than all the flags and slogans and emblems, the true embodiment of the American service man.

His slogan had more than a tinge of ruefulness in it. But it also had humor, and a certain idealism. It might be roughly translated somewhat like this:

"We're here. We don't like it. But we've got a job to do, and we'll do it the best way we know how. And if we're given half a chance, we'll have as much fun doing it as we can."

This was seldom if ever voiced, but was implicit in the cocky slogan chalked on the barn near Casablanca or the tomb on Okinawa.

THE NEW YORK TIMES calls for revival of the Kilroy spirit.

It tells how, when a tug was lifted from the waters of the Suez canal, clearing it for traffic, on her bridge was scrawled "Kilroy Was Here." The editorial adds:

"We need Kilroy. It is good to know that after his long vacation, which possibly he spent in the Antarctic, he is with us again.

"Kilroy is Point Four. Kilroy is friendly aid to all the peoples of the world who feel friendly toward us and who will work with us.

"If a new canal is needed, Kilroy will be there digging it. If anybody wants help in fixing up a harbor or running a road through rough country or setting up new houses for people who haven't any houses or draining a malarial swamp, they can call on Kilroy. He will be there.

"He will be there in a spirit of joviality, not of condescending kindness. He may be there sometimes with a swager in his walk and his hat tipped over one eye. Kilroy is gay and good and wonderful and now that he has come back, let us hope he will never go away again."

AND the "good, grey Times" concludes its tribute to America's fightingest, buildingest, most useful pixie, with this:

"We lift a glass to Kilroy and all his comrades in all countries and in all peaceful avocations. We drink to the gusto, the strength and the handiness of good old Kilroy. The world needs him even more than it needs men of battle and men of programs and politics. Maybe the future lies in Kilroy, that jovial, shouting, laughing, confident son of the democratic world."

Amen to that.—E.A.

Polygraph

Probably not many people could answer the question, "What's a polygraph?"

They'd be more familiar with the common name of the device, which is "lie detector."

Actually, the technical name is correct; the popular name is a misnomer. A polygraph records a number of human bodily reactions, including breathing, heartbeat, perspiration, and so on; it does not detect lies. Actually, the "lie detector" is the operator, and he's only as good as his training and his understanding of the reactions which his machine measures.

A POLYGRAPH may be a "lie indicator," because the act of telling an untruth can cause subconscious changes in bodily reactions. But these vary from one individual to another, and the interpretations vary from one operator to another.

A sensitive person, for instance, could have reactions entirely dissimilar to those of a hardened criminal. He might "work up a sweat," literally, in an attempt to make his every answer meticulously accurate. The other, with no regard for the truth whatsoever, and knowing the theory on which the machine operates, could deliberately cause misleading reactions by channeling his thoughts properly.

THE polygraph is a valuable aid in police work, and will remain so.

But its results are not admissible as evidence in court, which is a good thing. For the results are not conclusive; they are indicative. And they may mean one thing one time, and another, another time.

Human beings, too, vary, and to use physical reactions as evidence of a man's intricate and sometimes devious thought-patterns is, at the present stage, neither just nor intelligent.—E.A.

Cancer Control

One by one they are conquered, the diseases which have plagued mankind.

Malaria, yellow fever, bubonic plague—these are almost gone in much of the world. Tuberculosis is on the way out. So are infantile paralysis and typhoid.

Of the killers remaining, cancer is the most feared—and with reason. It can be slow and painful and terrifying.

RESEARCH is the answer, and research costs money. Much now is known about cancer. Much more remains to be learned. Research is nearing a "breakthrough" in the war on the disease.

This is Cancer Control Month. For your own protection have a regular checkup by your doctor. For the protection of our children, and theirs, help the American Cancer Society with a check—most of which goes for research and education.—E.A.

USSR Suspends Bond Payments; Foreign News Highlights Told

By CHARLES M. McCANN. United Press Correspondent. The week's good and bad news on the international balance sheet:

Soviet Russia disclosed that it intends to suspend for 20 to 40 years the redemption of government bonds totalling \$65 billion.

The suspension means that tens of millions of Russians will lose their entire savings. Every wage earner in the Soviet Union is forced to subscribe up to one month's pay a year to the annual loans.

The disclosure of the proposed moratorium was made by Nikita S. Khrushchev, Communist Party secretary. He said frankly that the government could not afford to repay the money.

A test between pro-Russian and pro-Western factions in Arab Jordan approached a showdown when young King Hussein ousted pro-Soviet Premier Suleiman Nabulsi.

Depending On Army. Hussein, who has taken a strong anti-Communist position, is depending on the support of his army to make the ouster stick.

Nabulsi has the support of the Jordanian mob element, easily roused to riot by his frequent anti-Western tirades.

For the present, the situation

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.

Bees and Hoodlums

To the Editor: According to a report in last Sunday's paper, a newborn calf and cow were attacked by a swarm of bees, somewhere between Ruch- and Jacksonville. They had called a veterinarian, but the calf died and the cow recovered.

Those things just don't happen unless said hive of bees was upset by either the cow or calf or something else. Perhaps, after 60 years of fooling around with bees, I don't know them yet.

Lately, I was wishing I had some honey bees just like that. As long as I had the bees on my old home place, every spring there was spray poisoning until in 1940, I had 48 dead colonies out of 50 inside of two weeks.

So a few years back, I got eight acres at the foot of Roxy Ann.

There was no spray poisoning there, but the hoodlums, rats or whatever we may call them, tried to get some honey for nothing every cold winter's day. So after the first cold spell this last winter, about a dozen hive covers were partly or all removed, exposing the bees to the cold. If it happened to rain or snow, it would mean just a dead colony. If not discovered in time or if the weather did not warm up. So later on, some brood chambers were knocked off and lying upside down. From one hive, four combs were missing. Three were found outside the fence along the road with the brood in it, but no honey.

Three or four weeks ago, one Thursday night, it rained. I went up Friday. Two hives were upset. Friday night it rained again. So Saturday morning, two more hives were upset, upside down in two parts. On Monday morning one heavy two-story hive was lifted across a wire net fence and dumped upside down in two parts and there were car tracks going up in the road. Another 1 1/2 story hive was dumped upside down inside a barbed wire gate.

Last week, while checking over all the bees, I extracted three 30-30 flattened bullets. So to some innocent, poor teenagers, it's lots of fun to use those bee-hives for target practice. I hope someday to have a high wild rose fence to keep all the hoodlums, teenagers, young or old, out.

In Friday's Tribune, a Margaret Mary Fields protests about the juvenile department action. She wants to circulate a petition for a state investigation in the juvenile department activities. She'll have a hard time to get any signatures from the bee-keepers in the valley unless it will make it tougher for the misbehaving kids, big or little, if they are caught after their misdeeds, they should be compelled to clean up the roadsides of cans, beer bottles or any trash that's been found and keep it clean for a certain length of time.

If Jackson county has more boys at the MacLaren school, it's a disgrace to the parents of said boys that they never taught them right from wrong. It's up to the parents to give their boys and girls a kind and good understanding, not for the police. They are hired for the protection of society and should be given all courtesy in their difficult job and not be called just a d--- cop.

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is confused. One thing alone was certain—Jordan was nearing a crisis which might involve its existence.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, after announcing a revolutionary change in Britain's military system, presented to the House of Commons a budget which provided for individual and business tax reductions amounting to \$364 million a year.

Macmillan's program is based on the conviction that Britain must adapt its defense to nuclear warfare and must offer its people—perhaps the highest taxed in any free country—some relief from pressure.

Sukarno Makes Move. In Indonesia, torn by revolt,

President Sukarno announced a 23-member cabinet of "experts" as his first move toward making his country what he calls a "guided democracy." His next step is to be the formation of a "national council" which will control the cabinet. There were indications that, in the end, Indonesia would become a dictatorship under Sukarno.

Britain, in its latest step to strengthen its commonwealth by giving its colonies home rule, granted the crown colony of Singapore a constitution. Singapore will be called "the state of Singapore." It will have internal self-government. Britain will keep control of its foreign affairs and defense against external aggression.

'Horse and Buggy' Postal Service Told In Magazine Article

Pleasantville, N.Y.—The Post Office system "needs mechanizing and streamlining all the way through," a Reader's Digest article, titled "Our Horse and Buggy Mails," will say in the May issue of the magazine.

This will not appear until April 23. But the magazine released a summary of the 5,000-word article by Wolfgang Lange-wiesche when the magazine learned that someone in Washington without authority from Reader's Digest had made the article available to certain members of Congress prior to the normal publication date.

"The present administration has begun some mechanization but we are years behind Europe," says the article which concludes with the appeal: "Let's create a modern mail system."

According to the article, which discusses Post Office methods, buildings and policies, the service "uses the same methods of gathering, sorting and delivering the mail that it did 100 years ago" and mail is now "slower than it was before World War II."

The Post Office is one of the country's top 12 enterprises in volume of business, and third in number of employees. But it steadily violates the business principle of "stay ahead of the times—or die," the article states.

Funds For Research. "The Post Office needs money for research and development. . . It's asking for four million dollars this year. That's chicken feed! Especially when, for lack of research, it spends—beyond its income—half that much a day! Proportionately, the Tele-

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Tax talk: The house of representatives has pushed its budget cutting past the billion dollar mark. Several members predict that the total cuts will reach three billion dollars.

IT SOUNDS interesting. But— Tax-cutting is now in the TALK stage. Before taxes can be cut, spending will have to be cut. The congressional road from TALK of cutting spending to actual CUTTING of spending is a long one—with many chuckles along the way.

FOR EXAMPLE: Appropriation bills normally get their first hearings in subcommittees of the house of representatives. From a subcommittee, the bill goes to the main committee. From the main committee, it goes to the floor of the house.

After the house has disposed of the bill, it goes to the senate. Here it may be studied (and amended, up or down) by a senate subcommittee. From the senate subcommittee it goes to the main committee handling that particular subject.

From the main committee, it goes to the floor of the senate. Anywhere along the line, it can be amended—up or down.

When the senate as a whole finishes with the bill, it may differ from the bill approved by the house as a whole. In that event, it goes to what is known as a conference committee, composed of members of both houses. This conference committee "reconciles" the house and senate versions. The reconciled bill then goes back to both houses, which can accept or reject it.

After that, it goes to the President for his signature. If he vetoes it, his veto can be upset only by a three-fourths majority of the lawmakers.

So— You see— It's a little early yet to jump to any conclusions about reduction of spending—which, if an economy program is to make any sense at all, must precede reduction of taxes.

If spending isn't cut, taxes can be reduced only by the reckless expedient of going deeper and deeper into debt.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS. Chicago—Harold E. Fellows, president of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters, on TV's "coming of age": "It's like a parent who suddenly discovers his child has grown up."

Nairobi, Kenya—Greek Cypriot Archbishop Makarios, on the state of emergency imposed by Britain on his native Cyprus: "The only right road for finding a peaceful, democratic and just solution for Cyprus will be open from the moment the state of emergency on Cyprus is abolished."

New York—Negro newspaper publisher Dr. Cllian B. Powell, on his invitation to a gathering of distinguished Virginia natives, signed by Virginia Gov. Thomas B. Stanley, but apparently issued in error: "Until I get a withdrawal from the governor I will not consider disregarding the invitation. If the governor doesn't want me to go I will have to withdraw."

Washington—Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, on his threat to suspend Saturday mail delivery if Congress fails to grant him extra funds: "It goes into effect Friday night and nothing can stop it except money from Congress."

Babson Sees Growth For Citrus Industry

By ROGER W. BABSON. Babson Park, Mass.—When a very small boy I remember my father driving his horse and buggy to Salem 15 miles away, to get an orange for his very sick aunt. Those were the days when no Christmas was complete unless we found an orange in the toe of the stocking which the English government is buying the juice in a super-concentrated non-refrigerated form, like molasses, and distributing it to its babies to supplement a small supply received from Spain, Italy and other Mediterranean sources. To get good products, however, these countries must import phosphate and other fertilized chemicals, most of which come from Florida close by the center of the Florida citrus industry. This gives Florida an advantage over all the world.

Opportunities Elsewhere. I, however, am not telling this story about the citrus industry just to boom Florida. I am telling it to show what a group of farmers can do by uniting in co-operatives and getting the help of research and advertising. The citrus industry has never had subsidies or price guarantees. It has fought its own battles without any limiting of acreage or government loans on surplus crops.

Why cannot the farmers of our Central West and South do the same thing with their surplus corn, wheat, cotton and other products? Henry Ford once said to me: "When the farmers wake up and quit crying on Uncle Sam's shoulders they can find a great use and market for their products as raw materials in industry." Agriculture needs a great leader like Henry Ford and then national advertising which the humble citrus growers of Florida are giving their products.

When I first came to Florida winters only, "whole fruit" was shipped out of the state and sold. Then, about 25 years ago, the co-operatives were developed and some orange juice was then canned. This, however, always had a little bitter taste. Some 10 years ago the "frozen concentrate" was invented. This gives exactly the same taste as the fresh juice and has greatly increased the consumption of orange juice as well as the health of the entire nation.

The American Habit. Most orange juice is drunk just before breakfast. This means that the frozen concentrate must be mixed with water and thoroughly melted some ten minutes before serving. This has caused a growing demand for a new product known as "chilled" orange juice. As soon as this juice is squeezed from the orange it is stored and transported to the large cities of the North in refrigerated trucks at about 40 degrees temperature, so that the juice holds its perfect flavor. It is then put in paper cartons and delivered by the dairy companies along with the morning milk.

As a result, the housewife can lie in bed ten minutes longer. This is taking like wild fire. Although citrus fruits can be safely raised in only a small part of Florida and the United States, yet there is competition between Florida, Texas, Arizona, and especially California. The latter state, however, is grow-

ing so fast that orange groves are becoming more valuable as home sites and citrus production is decreasing.

Keeping Up To Date. All of this competition results in constantly improved quality and in keeping the price within the reach of all families. Hence, with the constant growth in population, demand will continue to increase. But North America is not the only market for citrus juices. Foreign governments are also recognizing their great health value.

Whether mechanized or not, the article says, a post office building should be "a sort of factory." It should be tall, so the mail can flow down from floor to floor, or else, it should be flat with a floor plan in which conveyor belts can fan out like railroad tracks in a freight yard.

Instead, the article points out, we have "a Greek temple, or at best a First National Bank" and many post offices date from the last century. Many were built during the depression "when the idea was to make more work" and designed "mostly to express the majesty of the federal government."

The article ends by stating that "in the 20th century even this wealthy country can't subsidize 19th-century mail systems indefinitely."

Metals Workers Vote To Accept Pay Boost

Portland — (U.P.) — A strike of 3000 metal workers against 27 plants was over today after members voted to accept a 6 1/2 per cent wage increase. The strike started Monday over demands for a 10 per cent boost. The increase raised the journeymen's rate to \$2.52 an hour. All of the struck plants were to begin work again Friday.

Editorial Comment

BAN PINBALL MACHINES. Recently Sheriff Strawn of Coos county rounded up pinball machines used illegally and destroyed them. He persists in his policy of law enforcement. The difficulty is that the state licenses pinball machines "not used for gambling purposes." But when the sheriff's back is turned, or the policeman's the winner may be given a payoff in money or merchandise from the proprietor. This prompts the Coos Bay Times to urge the Legislature to ban all the pinball machines. Salem did this many years ago, and Portland finally got rid of these bandits after years of effort, including two elections. Other towns by imposing high licenses, virtually become partners in illegal operation of the devices.

Control of pinball locations became one of the behind-the-scenes controversies in Portland in which the Teamsters' union became involved. This apparently led to ventures for other forms of vice. Now that pinballs are banned, this racket is ended. Other forms of gambling persist as recent raids show, but they are not as common nor so open nor so much of a lure as the beguiling pinball or slot machine. We are glad to endorse the recommendation of the Coos Bay paper.—Oregon Statesman, Salem.

Standard Oil Public Relations Chief Dies

San Francisco — (U.P.) — G. Stewart Brown, director of public relations for Standard Oil of California, was found dead in his home Thursday night, apparently a suicide.

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