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Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson County Historian from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY May 3, 1940 (It Was Friday)

Chamber of commerce to hold reception for CCC officers and their wives attending conference here.

Eagle Point high graduating class to hear bacchanale sermon by the Rev. Joseph Knotts, Medford.

Mrs. Ada Jane Owens, pioneer of county, dies at hospital.

Mrs. Ed Pease, Medford absent from Applegate school position due to illness.

Brooder house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Hayward, Brownsboro, lost in fire.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY May 3, 1930 (It Was Saturday)

City planning commission approves the Washington school grounds as site for new county courthouse.

Brownie Marie cafe to open at new location next Monday.

William, Ernest and Hank Meier work on construction of glider as trainer.

Reflooring of Jackson street bridge to take estimated two weeks longer.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY May 3, 1916 (It Was Wednesday)

E. C. Amidon severely burned by explosion of blow torch while working in local building.

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Brakintree, Dakota avenue, destroyed by fire.

Safe at R. H. Paxson drug store, Central Point, blown by safe crackers; money and jewelry taken.

Editorial Correspondence

New York City, N.Y., Apr. 28—Hard to believe April is about over. Perhaps there have been three or four nice sunny Spring days here during the month, but not more.

The Leonard Carpenters of Veritas Orchards after a week or 10 days in New York have continued via motorcar to North Carolina via Washington, D.C. They were glad to depart and escape the muggy stuffiness and high powered humidity, running, we presume, into bright skies and sunshine shortly after crossing the Hudson river. In Washington they will visit the Bill Aldrichs, former popular residents of the valley where "Bill," for a time, was in charge of the government horticultural station. In Carolina they expect to get good weather and golf,—probably will.

The ANPA convention closed last night at the Waldorf with a fighting speech by that great peaceful Quaker and only living ex-president, Herbert Hoover. We felt even more than before as if we had attended a republican national convention,—the ANPA affair had all the conventional GOP earmarks, including "Herbert" making a speech.

Once more the most unpopular president in this generation was the most popular speaker on the program. And the most popular individual in that crowded auditorium. And we don't believe there was a person there who did not rejoice in that fact. One felt that at long last the man was getting what he had long been denied, but always richly deserved.

Yes, it was a "fighting speech," for it dealt without gloves with a most timely and highly controversial subject, namely: should Soviet Russia and her satellites be expelled from the United Nations?

Mr. Hoover took the affirmative and we grant made a strong case. There is much evidence to support his view. While all right-thinking people pray for one and a peaceful world, so long as Soviet Russia pursues the course she has pursued since the end of World War I, such a goal just CAN'T be achieved. Russia, in spite of her pious pretensions to the contrary, is intent upon world conquest, the only united world she will accept therefore is a communist world she controls moreover. She uses her membership in the United Nations merely to advance her selfish and destructive aims, thwart all constructive democratic advancement, and makes that organization merely a sounding-board for her communist propaganda.

On the other hand, to adopt such drastic action at this time would be to admit defeat as far as the establishment of ANY WORLD organization for the advancement of peace is concerned, would not only definitely split the world into two parts but would intensify the armament race between them, and, we fear, make world peace more, rather than less difficult, to maintain.

There is, we believe, a calculated risk no matter which course is adopted. All in all, however, this column would favor no absolute break at this time,—would favor continuation for at least a few months longer of the attempt to prevent the cold war from becoming a hot one through continued UN negotiation with Russia.

Meanwhile perhaps Trygve Lie will be able to see Stalin and drive a little common sense into his thick head. Here's hoping.

Mob-spirit is a terrible thing even if the mob is made up of teen agers from high school. Put 25,000 high school boys and girls together as they were in City Park yesterday and today, and you have a mob. We don't know it exactly, but it would be a mob, and a crazy mob; but we do know—although we were not able to get there when the tension was greatest,—that these bobby socks and their boy friends who gathered to protest against the small salary raises granted their teachers, composed a mob. As a crowd they did what no ONE of them would have thought of doing, singly. They didn't kill anyone, but they might have. They overturned motor cars, broke windshields, car tops, slashed tires, threw rocks and remnants of their lunch-boxes at police.

Anti-communist feeling running as high as it does, we were not surprised to hear one of the most rabid radio "witch-hunters" blame the "Commies" for the demonstration. A view of City Hall park and the reports of eye-witnesses had, we grant, a decidedly sobering effect upon your correspondent. We don't believe the Commies had anything to do with it, but there was the raw material for serious trouble in this country!

It is fashionable these days to defend American post-war youth, and maintain the boys and girls are more serious-minded, honest, wholesome and dependable than were their fathers and grandfathers. We sincerely hope the diagnosis is a correct one. But what we have seen of modern youth in this cosmopolis the past six or eight months, does not sustain such a judgment. One can't properly indict a generation any more than a nation,—there are good and bad in both,—but youth as one observes it on the "streets of New York" today is certainly not what one could call REASSURING.

Another strike. This time the New York apartment elevator operators have walked out. To really appreciate anything one has to lose it. About 200,000 inhabitants of upper Manhattan appreciate elevator service as they never have before.

This is especially true of the older boys and girls who can't climb stairs with the alacrity they could 40 or 50 years ago. In fact, many of them can't climb stairs at all without taking chances on a hurry-call for a pulmotor.

But unless they can get a doctor's certificate they have to. And some of them have to pack groceries too, or else go hungry. Fortunately for the hotels are not involved. But all the apartment houses on Fifth, Madison and Park are picketed—the pickets incidentally being about as popular in this neighborhood as so many lepers.

We may be mistaken, of course, but we have a definite hunch that there is a limit to what organized labor can get away with in the strike line, and that limit has about been reached. The people of this country are patient and long-suffering, but they will submit to being pushed around just so long and no longer. And they don't care what minority tries to do the pushing. They will eventually rise on their hind-legs, and in the immortal words of Charley McCarthy, "mow them down!"

We strolled through Central Park the other day with an old school friend, who isn't as young as he used to be.—Well WHO IS?—A propos of nothing at all he remarked: "I have noticed one thing of late—the pan-handlers DON'T pass me up, but the street-walkers DO."

Down at CBS one of the television lads said they got a marvelous close-up of the apple festival in the Shenandoah (that is Sioux Indian for applause) and VP Barkley kissed his step-daughter Queen of the Day, 18-year-old Anne Hadley, ten times just to please the camera boys. (We are quite sure he didn't do it to please Miss Hadley. Why doesn't the VP grow a beard!)

Later: Perhaps there is something to that Communist-inspired High School demonstration after all. At least the "Daily Worker" banners the pronouncement that the City Hall demonstration showed up the "brutality of the New York police" and the "fine discipline of the loyal students," of New York in favor of their underpaid teachers.

Well, anything the "Daily Worker" commends is suspect with this department, after following its reports of the Communist, Hiss and Coolidge trials. Not in a single instance did the paper tell the truth! It blindly and viciously followed the Moscow line.—R.W.R.

The Grange Upper Applegate Grange. The seventh meeting of Upper Applegate Grange was held April 29 with Orville Mayfield, master, in the chair, 45 members and 4 guests present.

Harry D. Davis, Cyrena L. Davis, William E. Davis and Robert L. Davis were obligated in the third and fourth degrees.

The agricultural committee chairman reported on the statistics digest put out by the department of agriculture for April, 1950.

The local schools are having their annual play day at Ruch, May 12. Everybody is invited to attend and participate in the activities. Patrons and friends are asked to bring sandwiches, salads and desserts. Refreshments will be served.

Wallace Haskins reported on the building of the anteroom to the hall, itemizing the various poles, timbers, and other materials necessary. The expense estimate was \$350. A card is to be sent to each male member asking for three poles 10 feet long, 6 inches at the big end, to be delivered to the hall by May 20.

Christine and Bert Harr extended an invitation to all Grange members to hold a picnic at Squaw lake this summer.

A letter from Albert Goss, master of the national Grange, relative to the community service contest, was discussed.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

If budget cuts are to be absorbed by the government departments with least harm to essential functions: if the reorganizations urged by the Hoover commission are to be carried out with greatest benefit, the employment system and procedures of the government must be adjusted and modernized.

Recently I introduced a bill to be known as the "Federal Payroll Act of 1950." This bill would stop the hiring of new people to replace those who resign, die or are discharged for cause. Replacements would be made by transferring surplus employees from other departments.

As stated in the bill, its passage will: (1) Reduce the recruiting of new and inexperienced people.

(2) Allow detached consideration of Hoover commission recommendations since job security is increased.

(3) Encourage efficiency and economy resulting from employee suggestions.

(4) Improve efficiency in the use of personnel.

(5) Generally improve departmental efficiency.

SENATOR DOUGLAS of Illinois has become interested in my payroll control bill and may introduce a similar measure in the senate. I hope he goes and that consideration of both house and senate may be had this year.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Hot off the teletype as this is written: "Celebrations marking international labor day (May 1, now more or less accepted as international COMMUNIST day) were held in Moscow and more or less all over the world, but attention centered on Berlin—a powder-keg in the East-West cold war."

THIS comes from Berlin: "Standing on the border between East and West, an estimated 750,000 defiant Germans cheered speakers lambasting Russia and communism in the greatest free demonstration in Berlin history."

"A few blocks away, in the Eastern Berlin sector, THOUSANDS of thousands of thousands marched past Soviet and German communist chiefs in a Moscow-like copy of May Day celebrations in Red Square."

THIS seems to have been the tense moment of the day: "At one point, anti-communist demonstrators (in the allied sector of Berlin) began surging toward the Russian sector border, despite efforts of West Berlin (allied) police to keep them in check. . . . Some of the demonstrators began shouting insults at the communist-controlled East Berlin (Russian) police, calling them BLACK SS and COMMUNIST PIGS. . . . The West Germans began throwing stones at East sector police."

"Allied reporters said the East Berlin police (Russian-controlled) SHOWED RESTRAINT, merely dodging the stones without even drawing their clubs."

YOU'VE doubtless seen a couple of dogs sizing each other up with their noses (as dogs do). With each sniff, the hair rises higher on their necks. Growls rumble in their throats. Sometimes the incident passes without an explosion and the dogs trot away. SOMETIMES A FIGHT STARTS.

The Berlin May Day affair seems to have been one of the times when the incident passed without an explosion.

Let's carry the dog affair on to its conclusion.

If, in the process of sizing each other up, nothing happens to precipitate an explosion, the DOGS TROT AWAY WITH WHOLE BODIES.

If, on the other hand, some unbearable scent passes from one to the other and a fight starts, they EVENTUALLY trot away from each other (if still able to trot) BRUISED AND BATTERED AND CHEWED UP.

That's war for you.

Certainly the bill is not partisan or controversial. Certainly also its passage will permit the savings of hundreds of millions of dollars now being wasted.

HERE ARE SOME comments about some of the people who are conducting the "investigation" of the charges that communist sympathizers are employed by our government—especially in the state department (taken from senate debate on the subject):

Dean Acheson, the man really under fire in the state department communist cases, was first sponsored for a job in government in 1933 (under secretary of the treasury) by Senator Tydings of Maryland, now chairman of the senate inquiry committee.

Seth Richardson, named by President Truman to conduct a "re-survey of the McCarthy names" and head of the civil service commission's loyalty review board, is a law partner of Joseph E. Davies.

Davies (Mission to Moscow) is the father-in-law of Senator Tydings, chairman of the loyalty investigation committee.

Richardson was chief counsel for the committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster which produced a whitewash.

With Richardson on the Pearl Harbor committee staff was Samuel H. Kaufman, later the judge whose bias for Alger Hiss almost acquitted Hiss at the first trial when the jury disagreed.

With Richardson and Kaufman was Edward C. Morgan, now chief counsel for the Tydings committee.

Morgan is a partner in the Washington firm of Welch, Mott and Morgan, whose practice is largely among Texas oil and gas clients and radio companies practicing before the FCC.

Involved in the current "loyalty investigation" are personally two previous administration whitewashes, with sponsoring Senators (Tydings and McMahon) linked by association with the previous whitewashes.

Roque River

Roque River, May 3—The new fire siren was tested Friday noon, and in the evening it called the firemen to a brush fire on the Old Stage road. Reports from various points of the rural district state it can be heard much farther than the old siren.

At the annual meeting of the Woodville Cemetery association Friday, plans were made to extend the water pipes to the east side of the cemetery. City water was piped to the west side by volunteer labor recently. The members have decided to purchase more pipe and to install it at a later date.

May 20 was set as the annual cemetery clean-up date, and Phil Strahan, president of the association, said open house will be held at the Strahan ranch, where a potluck lunch will be served. Workers may bring sandwiches or covered dishes. Coffee will be furnished.

Each person should bring their own tools, Strahan said, and he suggested graves should be cleaned a week ahead and all trash placed in the walks and streets. It will then be picked up by trucks on clean-up day.

There are many graves of early settlers and soldiers whose relatives have moved away, and the city of these graves is a community project, Strahan said, and everyone is asked to help. "We will appreciate the help of the newer residents," he said, "and we believe they will enjoy the work and the picnic lunch."

Live Oak Grange members were outnumbered at a square dance held in the Grange hall, Saturday evening. The large crowd was mostly visitors from Grants Pass, Medford, Central Point, Griffin Creek, Eagle Point, Wimer and Evans valley. Ten couples of "Queens and Jeans" dancers were present with their caller and exhibited square dances. Music was furnished by regular Grange musicians and by recordings.

Fourteen relatives and friends spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and celebrated Wilson's birthday Thursday. Later visitors at the Wilson home were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Oden, Grants Pass, who called on Sunday.

A group of young people from the Assembly of God church enjoyed an old fashioned hay ride and taffy pulling party at the Cook ranch on West Evans creek Saturday evening.

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On the Side—By E. V. Durlina

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Are the greatest thinkers usually pipe smokers? Many people seem to believe they are. My belief is that it depends upon what type of thinking is called for. Pipe smokers may lead in figuring out problems which permit plenty of time for thought.

But cigar smokers are the fastest thinkers. As for example, baseball calls for fast thinking. Most baseball players are cigar smokers. Anyway, Albert Einstein, the great theoretical physicist, is a pipe smoker and when made an honorary life member of the Montreal Pipe Smokers club he said: "I am happy and proud to accept because I believe pipe smoking contributes to a somewhat calm and objective judgment in our human affairs."

Environment Another example of the influence of environment on animals is a pig owned by Mrs. Gerald Tenison, Irish sportsman who lives at Lough Baun Castle, Ireland. The pig, whose name is Venus, was raised with four dogs. She now apparently believes herself to be a dog. She barks and eats bones. She is housebroken and has the run of the castle.

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most popular places of entertainment in New York City was Huber's museum, which featured wax works along with a variety of entertainment. Huber's shut down many years ago, but Tussaud's wax works in London is still going strong. Last year it attracted a million more visitors than any show in London except the Regent park zoo. Tussaud's was established over a hundred years ago, but is still owned by the same family. The present operator is Bernard Tussaud, great-grandson of the founder. Among the recently added wax figures at Tussaud's are those of Greer Garson and Danny Kaye.

Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of Tarzan, was the world's wealthiest writer. He was a millionaire many times over, all of his money having been made from Tarzan films, books and products. I guess George Bernard Shaw must now be rated the world's most opulent author. Burroughs wrote 57 Tarzan books, which were published in 30 different languages. It was 21 years ago that Elmo Lincoln starred in the first Tarzan film. During World War II, Burroughs, then 67, became a war correspondent and is believed to have been the oldest man to have flown over Tokio in a bomber in wartime.

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