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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History

from the files of the Mail

Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 15, 1940

(It Was Wednesday)

Chamber of commerce office's

west front window taken out to

provide more space.

Ashland voters to decide Friday

whether city should purchase

golf course.

Bill Selkirk, member of Rogue

Valley Country club, named golf

pro at Grants Pass Country club.

Five motorized columns of

third division, United States

army, to pass through here Friday

on way to Fort Lewis.

Phoenix Thursday club elects

Mrs. Woodford Turpin president.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 15, 1930

(It Was Thursday)

Eagle Point PTA installs Mrs.

Ruby Bitterling president.

Dale Randles, Medford, wins

third prize in American Legion

auxiliary poppy poster contest

or Oregon.

Richard Applegate elected

president of student body at high

school.

Apple thinning started today

in Bear Creek orchards.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 15, 1916

(It Was Monday)

Mayor V. T. Emerick and Mer-

ton J. Emerick return from hunt-

ing trip to headwaters of Un-

qua river.

Local women register for Red

Cross first aid classes.

Senior class at Medford high

to hear J. A. Churchill, state

superintendent of public instruc-

tion, at commencement Friday.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear

the name and address of the writer

throughout, under certain cir-

cumstances the use of a pen name

or initials for publication is per-

Let's Count Them All

A number of residents of the Medford region have called The Mail Tribune to report that they have not been visited by a census taker. While it is unlikely that any considerable number have been missed it is important for several reasons that every possible name be included in the 1950 city and county count.

MANY municipal, Jackson county and business advantages which might be determined on population ratios could be lost through failure to list a few hundred in the area.

We recall that back in the 1940 census taking Medford was hard put to show an increase over the 1930 count of 11,007. After the 1940 enumeration had been officially concluded the Chamber of Commerce and other interested groups got busy, had the count reopened and managed to find enough "misses" to bring the total to 11,281.

UNOFFICIAL and semi-official estimates of the number of dwellers within the Medford city limits have ranged recently between 18,000 and 20,000. It is to be hoped that we do not have to face civic chagrin similar to that of the Salemites who learned Saturday that their guesses of 50,000 population were considerably too high. Preliminary official figures issued by the district census supervisor in the capital city show 43,064 residents. The 1940 total was 30,908.

It is pointed out in Salem, however, that the fringe areas have enjoyed a tremendous growth, the figures for that portion of the neighborhood being expected to outstrip in proportion the gains made by Salem itself.

MUCH THE same situation as to growth of fringe area exists here. While areas within the city limits have been settling up fast in the past four or five years, there are hundreds and hundreds of new homes in the rural precincts to attest the fact that growth there has bordered on the phenomenal in recent years.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE published Sunday and is repeating again today a form which may be filled out by any residents of the county who have been missed by the census takers and mailed to the District Supervisor, U. S. Bureau of the Census, Room 205, Armory, Eugene, Oregon. Civic pride, if not self-interest, should bring prompt compliance with the request for this cooperation on the part of our citizens.

—E.C.F.

Plenty of Strawberry Shortcake

There is timely and much needed reassurance in the latest weekly report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics' estimates of strawberry crop prospects. What with the late spring and heavy frosts, the outlook hasn't been too bright.

INDICATIONS on May 1 pointed to a 1950 strawberry crop of 1,120,000 36-pound crates, the Bureau declares by way of allaying fears of strawberry shortcake lovers that there might not be enough of their favorite dish this season.

Despite the early slow growth of the berry plants and blackening of a large proportion of the blooms and buds by reoccurring April frosts the crop should be only six per cent below last year and it will be 22 per cent above the 10-year averages, says the bureau.

SO BRING on the strawberry shortcake and that thick cream. We may need (urp) a bit of bicarb after the feast but at any rate we can die happy.

—E.C.F.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A straw in the wind:

The Western powers (represented

by their foreign ministers

at a meeting in London) de-

bate the unfreezing of some of

their OCCUPATION CON-

TROLS on West Germany.

The American and the British

delegations presented proposals

for turning over to the Bonn

government more control of

West Germany's internal and

foreign affairs.

The general drift of it all is

that we are moving steadily in

the direction of turning Ger-

many back to the Germans.

WHY?

This is about it.

In the big ruckus between

communism and non-commu-

nism, WHOEVER GETS GER-

MANY ON HIS SIDE WILL

WIN EUROPE AND MAYBE

THE WORLD.

IT'S AS simple as that. The

Germans are gadget minded.

They understand production. It

takes gadgets, PRODUCED IN

VAST QUANTITIES, to win

wars.

No one knows that better than

the Russians, who were saved

from defeat by the gadgets with

which we and the British sup-

plied them when they were

fighting for their lives against

Hitler.

HERE'S another one from Lon-

don:

"Winston Churchill's conserva-

tives scored new gains in Brit-

ain's town and city council elec-

tions as urban dwellers contin-

ued their drift away from the

ruling labor party."

The vote count isn't complete

as this is written, but latest re-

turns from 373 boroughs give

the conservative party a net

gain of 213 seats—most of them

won from the labor party and

independent candidates.

A YEAR AGO, in these same

municipal elections, the drift

away from the labor party in

Britain was first noted. It was

followed by the British parlia-

mentary election in February,

in which the labor party came

narrowly close to losing control

of parliament.

Meanwhile, in both New Zea-

land and Australia, heavy gains

were scored by the conserva-

tives against the socialist-mind-

ed labor party.

A couple of weeks ago, in

Florida, Senator Pepper, an AD-

VANCED liberal (and a first-

class demagogue to boot) was

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"It's a letter of congratulation from the bank—I'm not overdrawn this month."



By Jim Stevens

'Keep Green' and the Legion

There is need for a history

straightener on how the "Keep

Green" citizens' forest-fire pre-

vention movement, now in force

in 26 states, came to get its

start. Until a more able straight-

ener of this variety comes along,

I expect to work at it some.

Whoever the expert historian

may be, he will find the sources

of Keep Oregon Green and Keep

Washington Green—Keep Maine

Green, too; Keep Florida Green,

and all the others—in such men

as American Legionnaires Babe

Munson of Shelton and Charlie

Hanson of Fall City, in Washing-

ton state. It was Keep Washing-

ton Green first, beginning in

April, 1940, and its strength was

built up by Washington Ameri-

can Legion post forest marshals,

with the then—and now—De-

partment Adjutant Col. Fred M.

Fuecker promoting the program

and appointing a state forest

marshal on it—me.

A broad-beamed ex-top ser-

geant of artillery, Hols Holbrook,

was the first state director of

the Keep Washington Green

program. He was at it for four

years and he and Fred Fuecker

kept it up front as a Legion pro-

ject during the first two.

Don't let anyone tell you that

Keep Oregon Green was started

in 1941. It was in full operation

after July 1, 1940, and in this

drive the Legion also had a place

of leadership.

What happened? I don't right-

ly know. The encouraging thing,

the great thing in sight now, is

that the American Legion in

Washington, under the 1950

state commander Herbert L.

Davis, is fighting the accursed

forest fire again.

The 1939 Beginning

The American Legion in both

Oregon and Washington was

well-nigh the whole show in the

actual birth and infant growth

of "Keep Green," which was in

1939. The name the movement

went under in that year was

"The Junior Forest Council."

Niel R. Allen of Grants Pass was

Oregon state commander of the

Legion that year, and he made

the JFC a chief concern. Wash-

ington Commander Arthur J.

Hutton was also active on the

board. The state foresters of the

two states were co-chairmen.

The Junior Forest Council was

The Real Secret of Communist Strength in the U.S.A. Is Revealed by FBI Director—Edgar Hoover



DAVE HOOVER

DAVE HOOVER is a red-blooded, grass roots American. A veteran of World War I this opponent has never been in uniform) Hoover can be counted on to fight for the freedom of the America we know and love.

HOOVER'S legal training and his law enforcement background will enable him to cope successfully in the U. S. Senate with the Communist menace to the U. S. A.

HOOVER'S stand on Communism and fellow-travelers is clearly outlined in his statement in the Official Voter's Pamphlet.

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HOOVER FOR U. S. SENATOR Committee, Tim Wood Campaign Manager 208 Broadway - Oak Bu

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood, May 15—(U.P.)—Local girls are missing a lot of fun, actor Charlton Heston said today.

Hollywood kisses are nothing compared to the sizzlers they hand out on Broadway.

Heston, the latest glamour-boy to raise feminine blood pressures out here, says movie kisses frustrate him.

"You can't give it all," he complained. "You can't kiss your leading lady on the mouth. It muzzles her lipstick. You can't nibble on her ear. You can't nuzzle her neck, either."

This nibbling and nuzzling, he says, goes over big on the New York stage. Audiences love it. So do the actresses. But the boys who guard movie morals don't.

"I spent one whole morning in the still gallery," the handsome Heston says. "I was supposed to make kissing shots with Elizabeth Scott and Viveca Lindfors for Hal Wallis' picture, 'Dark City.'"

"I never did get to kiss either one. I was never so frustrated in my life."

Can Get Down to Business

Now on Broadway, he says with reminiscent fondness, a man can get down to brass tacks.

"You can grab a girl and kiss her as long as you want to," Heston says. "Nobody's standing around clocking you with a stopwatch. And . . . if you're not in a kissing mood for a certain performance . . . you can give her a half-hearted peck and get on with your next line."

And there's nobody breathing down your neck but the girl.

"Hollywood kisses are so public," Heston sighed. "At least a dozen people are always hanging around gawking at you. It's like kissing a woman while her husband watches . . . and her mother and father and brother and sister and cousins, too."

Can't Blame Him

Heston, as you may have gathered, is a man who pays a lot of attention to this smooching business.

"It is not the least interesting part of an actor's chores," he grins.

All of which makes Hal Wallis a happy man. He's counting on this young gent to be Hollywood's hottest hearthrob since Gable started warming 'em up around the world.

Heston's made a good start. We watched him in a sizzling clinch with Miss Scott this morning. He really has a way of steaming through a passionate bear-hug.

But He's Married

When he took his hand away the sequins on her dress stuck to it.

Heston is six foot two, weighs 210 pounds, and has blue eyes and blond hair. He's about 27 and you needn't bother to get in line, as he's