

March:

March 16: A citizen's committee named by Mayor N.K. Buck at the insistance & of various civic groups today launched upon its task of eliminating

objectionable comic books and magazines from ne^{ws} stands in the county. Meeting in the prosecuting attorney's quarters, the eight men and women elected Mrs. W.A. McLaughlin of the district federation of women's clubs as chairman. ~~Yakima County~~ Yakimans were reminded this morning ~~that~~ weather can play pranks when they awakened to find one and a half inches of snow covering the ground. The annual meeting of the the Nob Hill Community association will be held April ~~25~~ 26, M.F. Bunnell, president, announced.

March 17: The hospital for which an area campaign will be launched in a ~~month~~^{month} at Toppenish will be called the Central Memorial hospital, the board decided last night. Estimated cost of the building has been placed at \$306,000. Engineers for Yakima and Union Gap are investigating the feasibility of building a new sewage disposal plant and sewer system to serve the south part of Yakima, the town of Union Gap and the rapidly growing residential area. Such a system, it is estimated, would cost \$371,000.

March 18: Plans are nearly complete for turning the state owned fairgrounds here over to the Central Washington Fair association on a year-to-year basis, the Associated Press learned at Olympia this morning. Yakima county's public assistance warrants went on a cash basis yesterday for the first time this year. Arrival from the state welfare department of \$148,000 to take care of interest bearing warrants plus a \$30,000 transfer of county funds put the fund on cash.

Mrs. Leta Conrad Dickson, resident of the valley for 73 years and one of Yakima's early teachers, died last night in her home at Terrace

March 19: If and when it is again necessary to register county public assistance warrants the total of these outstanding will not exceed the \$128,000 of county money which is held as a reserve. This was the conclusion of county officials at a meeting yesterday at which welfare finances were discussed. The Washington State Reclamation association meeting at Seattle yesterday adopted a resolution condemning the proposed Columbia valley authority plan of watershed development, L.W. Markham, Yakima, secretary of the association said.

March 21: Whether the 75 outdoor electrical workers of the Benton and Franklin county public utility districts will carry out their strike threat today or defer action until Thursday is being considered today by the union at Prosser. Death last night ended an 85 year old residence in the Northwest for Mrs. Mary Potter Ebert of Toppenish. Cloudy skies and a few traces of precipitation were Yakima valley's welcome to spring at 2:49 p.m. yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lindeman will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday.

March 22: Hops, potatoes and apples were among the high income crops on the major divisions of the Yakima reclamation project for 1948. The total income from all crops last season from the entire project grossed \$34,451,783. This represented a decline of \$6,498,096 from the 1947 returns, O.W. Lindgren, project superintendent, revealed. Kittitas was the only one to show an increase over 1947. Roza, newest among the divisions and still in the process of development, grossed \$7,559,677. First word that her son had come over from behind China's "bamboo curtain" was received by a worried Yakima mother, Mrs. Earl Greathouse. Her son, Donald Moore, 24, has been holed up in Tientsin since its capture by the Communists, arrived in Inchon, Korea on a freighter. Improved road conditions permitted opening of some schools in rural district. Ahtanum, White Swan, Mountain View districts reopened.

March 23: Two hundred employes of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co voted at noon today to end a walkout ahead of schedule and go back to work at 1 p.m. The walkout came as a surprise too at 7 a.m. The workers decision came on condition the company will grant its Yakima employes a fair wage increase. Installation of new locks on every door in the Yakima county courthouse was completed today. Recent thefts of county supplies from the basement and discovery that more than 90 master keys had been issued to the building caused the commissioners to order the change. Yakima officials presented a dismal picture to a chamber of commerce committee yesterday as to the prospects of obtaining a railway overhead crossing and other major improvements for the city in the foreseeable future. City Finance Commissioner L.F. Bishop told the chamber's city affairs committee that the municipal government simply does not have the money to do some things officials would like to do.

March 24: Gov. Arthur B. Langlie today appointed Ian B. R. MacIver to fill the third Yakima superior court judgeship created by the recent legislature. Red Cross fund campaign collections passed the quarter mark today in the race toward a \$60,880 goal. H. Lloyd Miller, president of the Roza irrigation district and pioneer Yakima valley reclamation leader was named as a member of the Columbia Basin commission today. The appointment was made by Gov. Arthur B. Langlie. Miller is a resident of Sunnyside.

March 25: A modern convention-type hotel was virtually assured for Yakima today. The board of directors of the Yakima Chamber of Commerce gave the green light to plans for the purchase and completion of the Mercy hotel building at a cost estimated from \$1,500,000 to \$1,700,000. A drastic cut in the general assistance program affecting employable persons on welfare will go into effect April 1, ~~Conced~~ George M. Hollenbeck, county welfare administrator announced today. Naming of the highest peak in the Goat

Rocks group "Gilbert Peak" in honor of the late Curtiss R. Gilbert, Boy Scout leader and mountaineer appears assured. The national forest service has made this recommendation to the federal board of geographic names.

March 26: The Yakima county welfare department must drop 12 employees from its payroll April 1 according to an order yesterday from the state department of social security in Olympia. Verne Graham, acting director of the department said at Olympia today that approximately 200 employees in county and state offices will be released on that date. The new liquor by the drink era in Yakima and other Washington cities appeared still several days away, although the state board yesterday approved licenses of 235 clubs. State inspectors will deliver new licenses Monday. Then it will be legal for licensed establishments to begin selling hard-liquor over the bar.

Sunday, March 27:

March 28: The house appropriations committee today cleared the way to accelerate construction on Satus Unit No. 3 of the Wapato Indian Irrigation project. The committee announces approval of a \$296,530,537 program for the department of interior during the ~~6th~~ fiscal year beginning July 1. Satus funds: \$225,000 for ~~canal construction~~ canal construction plus \$300,000 in contract authorizations for pumps are part of the \$63,198,955 earmarked for public works in Central Washington. The American Legion is highly in favor of the recent action of trustees at the University of Washington in firing three professors accused of membership in the Communist party. Vere B. Lipscomb, Yakima building construction superintendent will become commander of the local post of Veterans of

Foreign Wars April 31. Joe B^urks is the retiring head of the VFW post.

March 29: Neighbors pitched in to build home for Sam Yost family after fire destroyed building. Two hour parking meters okehed for North Second street between B and C streets.

March 30: Proposal for a complete flood control program for the Yakima river and its ~~tributaries~~ tributaries to prevent a recurrence of last spring's disastrous floods gained momentum today. Congressman Hal Holmes advised Fred G. Redmon, chairman of the board of county commissioners that bills have been introduced in congress to speed the program. Men and woman on a committee appointed by Mayor N.K. Buck today shied away from the task of deciding what fiction publications for sale in Yakima are so objectionable that they should be barred from the newsstands. Plans for a five-acre park to serve the Fruitvale area were launched last night at a community meeting in the Fruitvale grange hall. Thirteen organizations cooperating in the effort to provide an outdoor recreation spot for the district.

March 31: Landlords are to do nothing in the ~~immediate~~ immediate future to obtain removal of rent controls in Yakima and if and when decontrol does come it will be gradual, without sudden, wholesale rent boosts and widespread evictions. That was the view of spokesmen for the Central Washington Rental Property owners association who conferred with Mayor N.K. Buck. March started out as sweetly as a newborn lamb and prepared to retire just as meekly. Cloudless skies, morning calm, maximum 54. Funds for Satus unit No. 3 of the Wapato Indian reclamation project cleared the toughest hurdle last night when the U.S. house of representative approved the half-million appropriation and sent it to the senate.

April

April 1:

Home building in Yakima boomed in March. It accounted for nearly all new construction work. Fifty new residence permits, were issued.

They are estimated to cost \$420,801.

Contradictions in legislation as well as a general breaking down of responsibility in the American family life were blamed by George M. Hollenbeck, county welfare administrator, for increasing problems in public assistance. March relief cost \$194,369.

Control of state fairgrounds which Sverre Omdahl estimates are valued at \$250,000 was turned over here today by the department to representatives of the Central Fair association.

Sale of hard liquor by the drink under way today under law voters approved last November.

April 2--Hobo jungle just west of the railway tracks under scrutiny of Yakima officers. Judge Ian R. MacIver elevated to bench as third judge

April 4--Mrs. Kate Pearne celebrates 100th birthday (yesterday) Walter J. Purdin backed for position on state parks advisory committee at conference in Ellensburg.

April 5: A \$1,662,441 Yakima public school district general budget for 1949-50 accepted by board members last night. Yakima dentist and assistant fined \$750 and costs in superior court on charges growing out of the fitting of old age pensioners with dentures. Angelo Giaudrone, supt. of Sunnyside schools since 1945, last night elected from 30 applicants as supt. of schools at Ellensburg. Naches ranger station snow survey crew returns from survey along Hog City course with report snow holds 68 inches of water content, last year 54, average depth of snow for runoff 154 inches.

April 6: Temperature pops up to 72 degrees at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Annual wool clip under way in Central Washington, wage scale average 25cents a head.

April 7(Thursday)-Mountain temperatures right for ideal runoff.

George Corbett named county director of U.S. saving bond sales. Surveys made by county engineer's office for reconstruction of part of Fruitvale boulevard.

April 8: Dial telephones promised for Selah not later than May 1, 1951 by C.C. Ross, president and gen manager Selah telephone company.

April 9: Crowd of 8,000 watches 22nd observance of army day; ***** Kathie Fiscus story** Naches and Cowlitz canal covering between South Twentieth and Twenty-third avenues to prevent children from falling in made by 12 parents.

April 10-Sunday:

April 11

Scenic route marked by CC tourist promotion with Indian signs. River flowing at 7,370 s cond feet at Sunnyside as mercury climbs

April 12: Architects plans for \$240,000 Municipal airport administration building going to SE for final approval of CAA. Move to cover ditches to protect children growing. Rev. Hjalmer Sundquist dies (yesterday) He was 79, minister, fruit grower and writer.

April 13: Entire valley feels jolt of earth tremor. No damage reported in Yakima. Time placed at 11:58 A.M. lasted 10 seconds. Most of the \$128,160 of Yakima county tax money budgeted this year for public assistance has already been expended, County Treasurer C.S. Cole reports. Michael Sari, Mrs. Lloyd Sari's son, saved from ditch drowning.

April 14: Earthquake prompts study of Yakima building code

April 15: Sixteen inch water supply main for western part of city completed at cost of \$70,000.

Sunday, April 15: Easter Sunday.
Valley blossoms out.

Parents turn out to cover ditch between South Nineteenth and Twenty-third avenue early today.

April 18: Yakima river flow goes to 11,200 feet, its highest mark of year so far. David E. Lilienthal, chairman of the atomic energy commission and Rep. Henry Jackson visit Richland and Hanford plutonium production units. Bears attend CC luncheon in civilian attire.

April 19: Dr. Bruce Warninger, 25, found dead in bed this morning. Valley bloom display on in full blast. Census enumerators visit 135 business firms on first day of business census (yesterday)

April 20: Yakima county's aid list second highest in state. The county is state's fourth largest. With 17,414 persons on aid list, came next to King with 34,010. Nob Hill parents join in close open irrigation ditch campsn.

April 21: Protective screens placed on ditch to protect children in Broadway -Prasch street area. River flow slips to 7,650 footsecond feet. Nancy Ellingham named valedictorian and Wilma Aller named salutatorian of h.s. class of seniors.

April 22: Black smoke from smudge pots blanket upper valley and drifts into Yakima as frost nips. Nob Hill, Glead and Selah report below freezing. Growers worry. Mrs. H. Dean Guie appointed national publicity chairman for Pro America and Mrs. J.B. Bonny, Ellensburg.

April 23--Three-day old calf at Wapato estimated to weigh 200 pounds. Prosecutor Ronald Hull notified two Yakima magazine wholesalers to remove 19 objectionable comic books from sales. Bids opened for proposed \$265,000 medical center but not awarded. Yakima city policy on daylight saving unannounced as 400 time change scheduled for 2 a.m. tomorrow. Trial of Floyd William Mullen, charged with fraudently obtaining money from blind woman reset for May 23 before jury in superior court.

Sunday, July 24-

July 25: Valley orchards present sparkling display of blooms--only apricot blossoms gone. Ailing lion at Louis Roth's jungle tempted by liver.. Ethiopian lion, Big Sam. Non residents get courtesy tickets for 000 minor traffic violations--visitors only.

July 26: City of Yakima makes claims against state for \$4,819 contends city paid erroneously in sales taxes on public works contracts. Cleanup week in Naches, Selah, Moxee and Union Gap. Eloise Mackey named Ellensburg rodeo princess for 1949.?

July 27: Military purchase of 28,000,000 pounds of Washington apples and sauce greeted with pleasure on ~~Produce~~ Produce Row. Col. L.H. Hewitt Seattle district engineer of army engineers assures that army corps is considering flood control for Toppenish, Buena, Parker areas. Y camp officials plan trip into Clear lake to inspect damaged hall at Y camp.

April 28: Theodore P (Ted) Kohls, 54, dies in St Elizabeth hospital 7 a.m. had heart attack last night at home. State PTA meet preparing for convention of 1,200 Hockenbury System hotel drive leaders arrive. Pipeline

replaces Hillcrest lateral, 300-foot job to protect children(Hillcrest avenue and Vandiver drive districts) Ditch covering plan spreads to Ellensburg.

April 29: Heaters blaze as valley mercury goes into dive. Smoke covers city again. Temperatures sagged in orchard areas to 30 degrees. Owners of two pet dogs at Toppenish, destroyed, file claims against city for \$850. County welfare advisory committee may be named as outgrowth of meeting next Tuesday of county-wide welfare committee headed by Colin Johnson of White Swan. Mrs. Harry Kendall reelected president of Yakima Coordinating council.

April 30: Price Furniture company, recovering from one major fire, reeled back under another staggering blow this morning. J.A Price estimated value of stock and equipment at \$75,000. Yakima C of C directors recommend again daylight saving time. Fire fight intensified as mercury hits 24 1-2 at midnight. Business and Professional Women's club praises Mayor N.K. Buck for prompt action in covering ditch bordering playground in Milroy park. Three inches of new snow falls in Snoqualmie, but did not halt traffic.

May

Monday May 2: Walter Fletcher Tuesley, 79, died last night in St Elizabeth hospital. Rotary snowplow and other equipment put to work on Chinook pass, closed since November 3 to cut through deep drifts.

Thomas P. Doyle, division engineer, estimated opening by Decoration day. Delegates start registration for 36th annual convention of Washington Congress, Parents - Teachers. Ray Poulter and Alex Wanner selected as high school student speakers for commencement.

May 3: New bridge, connecting Pasco and Kennewick will receive federal blessing and \$3,500,000 if the house approves joint resolution introduced in capitol today by Rep. Hal Holmes. Mayor quotes from scripture in explaining stand on pinball and game known as "Fascination" before Yakima Council of Churches. Choice between future chaos and unlimited benefits to mankind is challenge of present day education, Fred . Schlemmer, manager of atomic operations at Hanford told state PTA convention. Deadline for landlords to register rental units, now subject to new rent control law, extended to May 15. Judge W.G. Long of King county superior court, on visit to Yakima, lauds Duoyville

May 4: Two children, Donald Moreau, 2 1-2 and sister, Mary Ann, 11 months old rescued from smoke-filled burning trailer house. Children of Mrs. R.J. Moreau, who rescued them. Treated by fire department resuscitator squad. William McCulloch today submitted low bid of \$12,230 for remodeling of third floor of the courthouse to furnish a new superior court room.

May 5: The Columbia Valley administration advocated by President Truman would take away from people all control over Washington's power resources, Gov. Arthur B. Langlie said at press conference in Yakima this morning. Federal aid to education, youth protection adopted in PTA state-wide congress platform. Capt Louis Roth, marks 50th anniversary as wild animal trainer. Feted by circus men from throughout U.S.

May 6: Downtown blaze quickly controlled. Explosion sets laundry afire, flames spread. Fire stemming from an explosion at the City Peerless cleaners, 105 North First street brought under control. April traffic bookings at police station in April showed big increase over same month last year, climbed from 158 to 281. Wenatchee's 30th annual Washington State Apple blossom festival opened. R. Lee Black nominated as president of Lions club, succeeding Howard Peterson.

~~On~~ May 7: Mechanical warning signals will be installed by the railroad at Mead avenue, Washington avenue and Lower Antanum road crossings, Owen Clarke, state public service commissioner announced at Olympia.

Dr. Daniel W. Evhans, 52, died last night in Seattle. County receives \$51,372 reimbursement check ~~and~~ from state welfare department and resumes payment of cash welfare grants.

Sunday, May 8:

May 9: Intensive hunt waged for Scout at Boulder cave. Virgil Miller, 13 lost in mountains, fears grow as 40 search for him. Castlevale ~~an~~ seventh grader. Yakima swelters, 92 degree reading. Parks and pools crowded. John R. Nichols, U.S. commissioner of Indian affairs, visits Yakima, opens three day parley. Discussion of long standing controversy, regional organization of bureau of Indian affairs, mentioned in informal talk. Yakima papers offer start of new editorial page, featuring work of three new columnists and wider variety of comment, analysis and opinion. Three thousand two hundred soldiers finished preliminary housekeeping chores at Yakima firing range and prepared to start two weeks of intensive field training. They are Ninth infantry regiment.

May 10:

Five-day weather forecast shows continuing temperatures above normal and flooding trend. River rose from 3,990 to 7,110. Two dead as result of Union Gap overpass crash yesterday 1:45 p.m. Miss Daisy Hendrix and James Ackles, three injured. Round clock prayer session maintained by **F**ishers of Men. Executive committee members for the new hotel drive today held their first meeting as a nearly completed group. Approved plans for a campaign to raise a minimum of \$1,000,000 and a maximum of \$1,700,000. Virgil Miller, 13 said he was not afraid last night. Castlevalle seventh grader found himself seven miles below Boulder cave since becoming lost Sunday morning.

May 11--Yakima river continues to rise despite closing of ~~river~~ reservoirs. Swelled to 9,550 ~~cubic~~ cubic second feet compared with 7,110 yesterday's maximum. Mercury skyrockets to 97. Charles Merritt Longmire, 73, Wenatchee rancher, died at 11 o'clock this morning in St Elizabeth. City park recreation season to open on June 14. Exterior brick work starts on junior college building.

May 12: Heat hits 96, fifth day of blistering heat. One mountain reservoir, Bumping, Bull, others swelling fast. Paul Taylor goes to mountains to check. Rally of school boy patrol draws 1,100 to Capitol theater for free show followed by picnic at Miller park, sponsored by junior chamber. Nob Hill district residents decide to screen Naches and Cowiche ~~ditch~~ ditch to protect children, \$550 collected for 1,400 foot section between South Twenty-first avenue and Tieton drive.

May 13: Naches river runs over banks as temperature hits 97. Storage reservoirs brought dangerously near overflow. Cornerstone laying for Yakima Valley Memorial hospital scheduled for May 22, C.M. Hull, president of association board and Mrs. Ella C. Lemon, trustee, in charge. Hotel committee secures option on aluminum hotel building and additional 50-foot frontage, minimum of \$1,000,000 to be sought. Workers on

Chinook pass double shift to clear it by Memorial day. 14 foot cut opened to point three miles above Morse creek. Road 20 feet wide. Army Bjork, 20, Selah, named editor of the University of Washington Daily student newspaper for next fall. First girl to become editor of daily since another Selah girl, June Helen Anderson turned the trick following the war.

May 14: High water situation unchanged in river, county officials not worried. Officers of First Presbyterian church leased ground floor of Ward building, corner Yakima avenue and first street to drug store. Opinion poll in progress at courthouse on summertime hours. Hearing on Jake Bird's latest maneuver for stay of execution as date for death approached will be held in Federal court, Yakima, May 20, Federal Judge Sam Driver announced at Spokane.

Sunday, May 15:

May 16: Civic leaders launch \$525,000 Opportunity bond drive. Lower temperatures but Yakima climbs to 13,800 second feet. Full flood state 15,000. Floyd William Hullen pleaded not guilty to three grand larceny counts for defrauding Miss Elizabeth Mackie. Jack rabbit hunters get 558 on Sunday in Parle r district.

May 17: Fourth canal screening group to launch project, details worked out for covering fourth section of Naches & Cowlitz canal in Nob Hill district. George Corbett announces good start on bond sale.

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May 18: Floyd William Mullen, pleads guilty in surprise court move, sentenced to serve not more than 15 years in state penitentiary (on May 17) leaves for prison ~~prison~~ Junior chamber assured by mayor city will give victorious Yakima Bears rousing welcome when they return home next Monday. Mayor studies pinball profits, said 692 machines in county in 1948 had gross income of \$986,942. Approximately 162 machines within city limits took in gross of about \$231,000 last year. Volunteers to turn out Sunday to begin cleanup of Art Center

May 19: Log jam threatens Naches river dike and emergency crew sent to clear it out as Columbia crests at Portland. Jake Bird's petition for writ of ~~writ~~ habeas corpus shifted from Yakima to Walla Walla. Congressman Holmes asks house deficiency appropriations subcommittee to include fresh fruit in the economic recovery shipments to Europe.

May 20: Coast guard rescue planes moved to Municipal airport today as search for Jack Robinson, missing Oak Harbor flier went into its third day and the search shifted to this area. Workers for the highway department and county engineering department had two danger spots secure against the ravages of the channel-changing Naches river today. A first report of \$263,700 subscribed so far came from the new hotel executive committee after its session this morning. Thirty-three men and women welcomed to U.S. citizenship by Judge Sam M. Driver in federal district court. County commissioners at Walla Walla in state-wide session asked for more rigid control of relief at local levels.

May 21: Six pints of blood from the Yakima Red Cross regional blood center flown to Wenatchee last night for a critically ill patient there. Selah's annual community day draws 6,000 to parade. Second Annual Granger Cherry festival was drawing to a rapid close with gay-mixed capacity crowds. Yakima C of C goes on record against the Columbia Valley administration idea.