

"From the Old Wasco County, OR Files"

Looking Back: The Dalles Chronicle

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February 17, 2013 - Weber

60 Years Ago, 1953

The Bronze Star medal with the letter "V" device for valor has been awarded to 1st Lieut. George R. Weber of The Dalles for heroic achievement in Korea, the Army announced today. Lieut. Weber is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weber. The award was made while Lieut. Weber was with the Second division in Korea as a member of headquarters battery, 37th Field Artillery battalion. Between April 14, 1952, and Jan. 15, 1953, Lieut. Weber served as battalion reconnaissance and survey officer and was assistant operations office in the fire direction center.



December 2, 2012 - Brower, Evans

40 Years Ago 1972

It has become more expensive to jaywalk, The Dalles Police Chief Robert Brower notes. In stressing the importance of observing the rules for safety's sake, especially during the season of heavy traffic and early hours of darkness, the chief noted that the new city code boosts the jaywalking penalty from \$2 to \$6.

Wahtonka High School senior Lydia Evans has been selected to perform in the 1973 All Northwest Choir. The selection and performance of the 250 voice choir is a bi-annual event sponsored by the Music Educators National Conference.

December 2, 2012

60 Years Ago 1952 - Atkinson, Driver, Healy, McAllister

Word was awaited here Tuesday by the Guy F. Atkinson Company for the official order to proceed with construction of the new The Dalles bridge at Three Mile Rapids. In Spokane Monday afternoon, Federal Judge Sam Driver approved payment to Wasco County of \$1,109,450 by the federal government as compensation for the old bridge properties taken by the government. Signing of the order clears the way for the county to order the contractor to start work on the bridge.

The AFL Technical Engineers and Architects association withdrew their picket lines from the S. A. Healy Company operation at The Dalles dam site Tuesday morning. Withdrawal of the pickets was announced Monday night in Portland by M. C. McAllister, business agent for Local 17, which posted pickets Monday

morning. In a telephone conversation with the Chronicle, McAllister said the pickets were posted in order to enforce demands for a contract with the company. He said the local has a working agreement but not a contract with the Healy Company. The local is seeking a 40-hour week instead of the present arrangement and a union scale starting at \$2 an hour, he said.

December 2, 2012 - Miller, White, Lindsay, Leppaluoto, Nelson

REMEMBER THE LONG, WOODEN BARGES? By Kathy Ursprung, The Dalles Chronicle

Larry K. well remembers the two World War II-era ocean-going barges that were moored at The Dalles' port docks, then beached on Miller's Island near Biggs Junction for many years.

K. dipped into his family archives for information about the barges. For many years, K regularly traveled to the island where he worked on the irrigation system for family grazing land.

The island was homesteaded by the Miller family and used for grazing. Harold "Pony" White and father Hugh White, the K's neighbors, bought the island from the Miller family.

"Pony" White used it for grazing and bought an amphibious truck, which he modified for hauling cattle.

The K's had an oral lease on a handshake from 1963 to 1989 and 1991, with Mabel White.

The Trust for Public Land bought the island from White and sold it to the U.S. Forest Service. The K's moved their equipment off in 1991.

According to an undated article by longtime The Dalles news reporter George Lindsay, writing as a correspondent for The Oregonian, the two were the largest wooden barges ever built and were two of six built during World War II for the U.S. Navy. They sat on various sandbars along the Columbia River for 25 years. They were purchased as surplus and arrived in The Dalles in 1947, brought by Capt. A. Leppaluoto, then president of Inland Navigation Co. He had hoped to develop dry commercial cargo runs that never happened.

"However, since arriving in The Dalles they have never carried a cargo – but they often played a part in plans that never materialized," Lindsay wrote.

Their only use was as a floating dock during construction of the John Day Dam.

They were owned by Pacific Inland Navigation at the time they were dismantled, their huge framing timbers and scrap iron salvaged.

After the valued materials were salvaged, set afire using thousands of gallons of diesel fuel that spread out from the burn site across the waters of the Columbia, K said, still aghast at the pollution all these years later.

Miller Island earned another special place in local history as a result of a stubborn bull eluding capture when the herd was moved by scow, according to an undated article from the K's archive.

Cowboy George Nelson and Harold White made a trip to the river ranch to catch the bull. "Nelson, on horseback, played tag with the critter all over the island until the bull took to the water," the article read.

Nelson left his horse in favor of an amphibious “duck” used to navigate between the island and mainland.

“The bull headed for the swift current of the river but Nelson, going full steam ahead with the ‘duck’ caught up with the bull and managed to rope him. The bull was snubbed close to the land-water vehicle and towed to the mainland.”

Nelson won the honor of “most peculiar cowboy.”

December 2, 2012

100 Years Ago, 1912 - Birgfeld, Hudson, Lauer

Beautiful and impressive were the services at the Elk’s temple yesterday afternoon when the members of the local lodge assembled to hold solemn services in memory of their deceased brothers. The large hall was filled by members and their families. The processional was played by Birgfeld’s orchestra while the members marched to their seats. Following the opening of the lodge, Exalted Ruler T. A. Hudson ordered the roll call of the absent brothers. After the calling of each name a period of solemn silence followed while the soft-toned bell tolled.

None of our History Mystery regulars were able to identify The Mascot, proprietary J. N. Lauer, in last Sunday’s paper, presumably because The Dalles had so many bars and taverns in its history, most serving Columbia Beer from the local brewery. T.H. did correctly identify the address of this establishment, 120 E. Second St. The photo comes from the Wasco County Pioneer Association archives, which are curated at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. Information on the photo read only “Where the Yellow Lantern is now,” which may be equally as mystifying as The Mascot.



February 17, 2013 - Heller, Slusher

20 Years Ago, 1993

The former Spillway Tavern was torn down Monday afternoon and foundation work for the Burger King that will go there may start next week, the owner said. Mike Heller of Gresham, the owner-operator of the new Burger King, said it should be opened by June 1, though possible delays such as bad weather or unexpected amounts of rock in the ground could push that date back.

A plan to convert Hamilton Motel into transitional housing and an application to build a medical office complex in the area of Mid-Columbia Medical Center will be among the five public hearings on the agenda when The Dalles City Planning Commission meets on Thursday night. Jim Slusher, director of Mid-Columbia CAP, said the property would be used for low income housing, and the potential occupants of the proposed development would include single persons, couples, or single parents with children and could be in the need of low income housing for a variety of reasons.

February 17, 2013 - Leeper, Saldivar, Kramer, Watson

40 Years Ago, 1973

The Dalles High varsity wrestling team started on the long road to the state championships as the Wilco

League's sub-district meet began here at 2:30 p.m. The tournament, to decide the individual and team championships of the Wilco League's Columbia Division, will run today and tomorrow at Gresham High School. For 24 Indian wrestlers the Gresham competition is the first part of a possible journey through the Wilco League championships next weekend and the state tournament in Corvallis March 2 and 3. Greg Leeper at 106, Jay Saldivar at 123, Dan Kramer at 130, Randy Watson at 148 and Kevin Kramer at 157 are all seeded number one.

February 17, 2013 - Burtner

100 Years Ago, 1913

The Business Men's association has been making efforts to encourage the growing of corn in Wasco County and with this object in view the organization has been corresponding with M. M. Burtner of Dufur who is making a decided success of that industry. Mr. Burtner has been growing corn for the past five years and he has succeeded in producing that grain so successfully that the variety he raises is being sent out by the Oregon Agricultural College as seed. Mr. Burtner is raising it for that institution.

Several hundred farmers took advantage of the opportunity to hear Professor Dryden of the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college yesterday, when he lectured on the right and wrong way to raise chickens. The moving pictures shown by Professor Dryden told a very lucid story of why some people can not make a success of the chicken industry. Professor Dryden, in his lecture which was profusely illustrated with lantern slides, impressed the great and important fact upon the chicken raisers that any kind of chickens are good layers provided that they are properly bred. Egg production is a matter of heredity and statistics show that by proper breeding and care it can be doubled.



July 3, 2011

100 Years Ago, July 3 1911

The new Model laundry, owned by D. Duval, formerly owner of the Palace laundry in Portland, opened for business this morning. The plant is completely new throughout and the entire lower floor of the Kelly building, formerly occupied by The Dalles Commercial & Athletic club, is for the business office and work room. In the basement, an 80-horsepower high pressure steam boiler furnished the steam for a 45-horsepower engine and also the heat for all the machines with the exception of two heated by gas. The working department of the laundry includes every machine to make good and rapid work possible at the same time reduce labor.

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80 Years Ago, July 3 1931

Trial of the civil suit of George R. Trask against John Karlen went into its third day in the circuit court this afternoon, with possibilities of a night session to put the matter in the jury's hands before the Fourth of July weekend. The defense had presented four witnesses up to this morning, including M.A. Woods, Fed Shoemaker, the defendant, John Karlen and A.S. Kennedy. The plaintiff was the only witness for his side of the case, completing his testimony the first day. Suit was brought over a \$2500 note which Karlen gave to a mining company and, the possession of which went to the plaintiff as a holder in due course. The

defense has raised the allegation that the note was obtained by fraudulent representation.

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60 Years Ago, July 3 1951

Just 4,232 miles away from their destination – New York City was what lay ahead of four cyclists as they pedaled into The Dalles shortly after noon Monday on their transcontinental bicycle tour from San Francisco to the eastern city. The quartet, William Dexter, 34, Boston; Lee Kohns, 16, Rye, N.Y.; Martin Innet, 14, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and Bruce Waterfall, 13, Bonxville, N.Y., hope to complete their journey by September 1. If everything goes well they will travel through 13 states and Canada before reaching their destination. Since starting their trip from San Francisco June 14, the quartet had covered exactly 866 miles when they sat down to eat their lunch at the edge of The Dalles Monday afternoon.

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40 Years Ago, July 3 1971

Coins tossed into a wishing well placed in the Tiki Too restaurant by the City Beautification Commission are helping boost the pool tile fund toward its goal. But substantial amounts still will be needed before the necessary \$1,330 is raised. Among the early gifts that got the downtown mall tile fund off to a good start were those of The Dalles Junior High School Associated Student Body and the Soroptimist Club. Installation of the variegated blue and green Venetian glass tile in the bottom of the pool in the downtown mall will complete the project. Tiling was included in the original plans, but, deleted when over-all-costs exceeded the sum allocated for the parking district project.

Ernie Mosier became sheriff of Wasco County this morning, succeeding Bill Bell who will become training coordinator for the Oregon Board on Police Standards and Training at Salem. County Clerk Hal Howard administered the oath. Mosier who previously had nearly 11 years of service as sheriff will serve out the remainder of Bell's term by County Court appointment. The office will be subject to election in 1972.

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20 Years Ago, July 3 1991

Get out the picnic baskets, shorts, sunglasses and all of the other summer holiday items – and don't forget the sunscreen as the weather forecast for the Fourth of July is much the same as it's been the past few days; sunny and hot. Don't sit in the house with the air conditioner – as there is a full line of activities scheduled in the Mid-Columbia area, including a big community picnic and party at Sorosis Park, a championship Little League contest, and, of course, the annual fourth of July fireworks display – featuring almost twice as many fireworks as last year – sponsored by The Dalles Area Jaycees.

As precisely timed as a star comedian's routine, over 100 old cars rolled into The Dalles as part of the 9th Annual Great American Race. The cars, most of them built before 1937, stopped in The Dalles for a pit stop as they approached the Independence Day finish of the gigantic car rally which ends with a parade in Seattle. The drivers had left Norfolk, VA, on June 22. Drivers, navigators and car owners were "racing" for a \$265,000 purse. The Great American Race is a competition based more on timing than on speed. Each morning, the contestants would receive a packet of 300 instructions, said Doc Fuson of Warsaw, Ind., the owner of a 1912 American LaFrance fire engine, the only vehicle to compete in all nine Great American races. The challenge is to follow those instructions as close to exactly as possible.



June 19, 2011

100 Years Ago , June 19, 1911

The famous show, "The Old Homestead," which will be produced at the Vogt theatre this evening, will be the last production of the local theatrical season. Five shows have already been booked for next year which promises the best attractions in the history of The Dalles. Those now booked are Billy Clifford, "The Sweetest Girl in Paris," "The Traveling Salesman," "The Red Mill," and "The Barrier." Manager William Birgfeld has received a personal letter from John Cort, the western theatrical magnate, who books the shows to the Vogt. He stated that he will send better plays than ever here next season, because the patronage at the big productions this year warrants the same.

After the ordinance went into effect prohibiting liquor in the bawdy houses, some of the women of the under-world planned to leave the city because they could not carry on a profitable business, as formerly. This is what a person financially interested in the house of ill-fame told the woman at the one of the resorts: "Now you girls just rest easy. There is going to be a city election in about a month, and then there will be a change. After that election this town will be more wide-open than it ever was. You stay here if you want to be well off. The man who so advised these women is fighting "tooth and nail" AGAINST the election of Grant Mays, J. T. Rorick, William A. Moore, T. A. Hudson, F. L. Houghton, Dr. J. E. Anderson and Jack Harper. Is it not that sufficient proof why you, voters of The Dalles, who believe in a cleaner city and good-government would work and vote FOR these men?

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80 Years Ago , June 19, 1931

The retail, wholesale and "boot-leg" gasoline situation here today was in a chaotic condition with no indications pointing to a definite price agreement either to the pumps or the retail consumers, a survey indicated. Two major companies authorized a 5 ½ cent increase in the price of gasoline to pumps, and stations and garages handling these brands of gasoline announced a 19-cent retail price. Two more companies were "protecting" their retailers, and another, two expected a raise in the wholesale price but had not authority from headquarters.

Believe it or not, snow fell in the cultivated section of Wasco County on June 18, 1931. Charles Van Duyn, pioneer merchant of Tygh Valley, drove from the central Wasco County town to The Dalles yesterday. Coming over Tygh Ridge, with the summit at an elevation of more than 2700 feet, the visitor drove through falling snow for some distance. Local residents can recall snow in May and in September, but none questioned today could remember snow falling in mid-June at as low an elevation as Tygh Ridge, although hail in the middle of the harvest season is recalled.

Eastern hotel men, members of the Greeters' organization, were expected here this afternoon on a side-trip on their return from their national convention at Vancouver, B.C., to be shown the beauties of the Columbia River Highway. The program called for a visit from some 125 members of the Greeters' organization in automobiles to be furnished by Portland members of the society. Pat Foley with the cooperation of the local chamber's hospitality committee was to greet the visitors. The schedule called for a visit to the local cooperative growers' plant to watch the packing of black cherries for shipment to eastern markets, as well as the processing of maraschino stock.

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60 Years Ago , June 19, 1951

Names of judges who will pick Miss The Dalles from a field of six contestants in the civic auditorium Friday night have been released by contestant officials. They are Mrs. John Monahan, Mrs. Walter Eschebeck, William Sievers, Ted Walker and John Becharas. The contest will be in four parts. Contestants will be judged 25 per cent on each part, made up of appearances in evening gowns, display of talent, appearance in swim suits, and interviews on the stage by the master of ceremonies. Miss The Dalles will enter the Miss Oregon contest, which will be held in Seaside next week.

Saturday night burglaries resulted in the theft of about \$200 in sawmill equipment from the Wamic Lumber Company and the prying open of an empty cash drawer in the Kerr-Gifford company's office, Police Chief M. E. Cloe reported today. Entry in both cases was through windows, Cloe reported. At the lumber company 60 cents in change, a tool kit and six and eight-inch electric saws were taken. Untouched were cases of ammunition and three rifles.

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40 Years Ago , June 19, 1971

If all goes well, production of aluminum at the new Harvey Aluminum, Inc. reduction plant near the John Day Dam in Washington should get under way by August, but the schedule is a tight one and any construction delay will upset it. The present schedule calls for crank-up of the second potline by October with a goal of full production by November. The new plant will have 340 pots with a production capacity of 120,000 tons of aluminum a year compared to 90,000 tons for The Dalles plant.

The Fort Dalles Surgeon's Quarters, used as a museum, has been recommended for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, State Highway Engineer R. L. Potter advised Mayor John Skirving of the action by the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation and invited the mayor's comments. Porter wrote: "The National Register is maintained by the National Park Service Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation. It lists buildings, structures, areas, sites and objects significant in American History, architecture, archeology and culture. "Under authority of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, a listing in the National Register gives a property some measure of protection from destruction or alteration by federally sponsored or assisted projects. It also makes the property eligible under certain conditions for federal grants. Final authority for acceptance into the National Register lies with the National Park Service.

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20 Years Ago , June 19, 1991

The capacity and capability of emergency medical services in The Dalles got a test on Tuesday night when a drill that simulated an airplane crash in the Columbia River was staged. The drill involved the city and Wasco Rural fire departments, the Wasco County Sheriff's office and the 911 emergency systems. It did not involve participation by the city police or Mid-Columbia Medical Center as some drills in the past have. There were 20 'victims' in the drill, with wives, friends and relatives of the firemen playing the roles of the victims. Among the victims were four 'fatalities,' two of whom died at the scene, said Mike Moe, Wasco Rural Fire Chief, who coordinated the drill. The drill began around 7:20 pm when the crash was

simulated. One 'victim' floated downstream from the crash scene and the others were located at two sites. This simulation allowed for the involvement of the Marine Patrol and the Search and Rescue teams from the Sheriff's office.



May 1, 2011

100 Years Ago, May 1, 1911

Boys Play like Veterans. For a baseball team of "youngsters" to put it all over an aggregation of "old heads" is going some, but that is what the Boys' club nine did Saturday afternoon, defeating the Hood River "Boosters" by a score of 17 to 7. The Congregational boys supposed they were to play lads of their own size and experience, and when they saw what they were up against – practically the Hood River high school bunch – they were confident they had no chance. While they had lost all hope of winning the game, the local boys did not lose their heads and determination, resolving to exert every effort to keep the score down, the result being that they won a glorious victory. The Boys' club nine is composed of an unusual bunch of young ball players, being exceptionally "heady" and if this aggregation stays together, The Dalles will, in a few years, be represented by a first team that will be a great credit to the city.

Jacob McCowan and Harry Heebner, who were arrested Friday on the charge of dynamiting fish, have made their get-away from the city and the officers are unable to find any trace of them. It is alleged that the two men and Edward Baker used explosives to capture fish at the mouth of Eight Mile creek, on the W. E. Mills ranch. Deputy Game Warden L. F. Fritz arrested Baker, who is the caretaker of the Mills ranch. Baker furnished bail to the amount of \$200. Knowing McCowan and Heebner well and supposing that they were honorable, Judge J. A. Douthit permitted them to go to their homes on the promise that they return Saturday morning to arrange for bail. They failed to show up at the appointed time and a search proved that they had left the city.



August 7, 2011

100 Years Ago, August 7, 1911

Under the supposition that he has stolen goods in his possession, Gus Hanson, who conducts a cheap rooming house on first street was arrested this morning and will be tried in the police court tomorrow. Hanson's place is an underground bunk house, built under the Oregon restaurant. Chief of Police R. R. McDonalds has a suspicion of the place being a 'robbers' roost'. Among the articles the chief confiscated today were hammers, wrenches, saws, knives, door locks, and tools of all descriptions, razors, watches, wearing apparel, etc.

Fire, the origin of which is not known, started in the skating rink at Dufur yesterday morning, completely destroying the building. The structure was the property of Will Faust. Had there been a wind the entire town would have been endangered. The residence of Henry Menefee, which was across the street, also caught fire, but was extinguished before any great damage was done.

"In every fruit country in the world, except this portion of Oregon, pollinating of fruit trees by the use of the

bees is considered extremely important to the fruit industry,” said John Pashek today. “According to all authorizes on the subject, bees are absolutely necessary to fertilize the blossoms for the production of fruit that is perfect in color, shape and flavor. I have demonstrated this in my orchard in Mount Hood and Fifteenth Streets. My peaches have a fine yellow color and I believe that it was produced

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80 Years Ago, August 7, 1931

‘Resume sixty’ will be the watchword of drivers on the Old Oregon Trail highway between The Dalles and Biggs, for when new construction work now under contract is completed, the 20 mile strip will be one of the first arteries in this section of the state. There will be a few places which natural conditions will make alteration impossible for the present, and high speed will be out of place, but crews of the CF Johnson Company are eliminating a lot of the curves and will do considerably more before the work is completed.

Plans are underway to salvage the boiler from the submerged river steamer Cowlitz by cutting out the timber supports and pumping the boiler full of air so that it will float to the surface, it was made known here today. A man who has had experience in deepwater diving operations and is equipped to go to a depth of 75 feet hopes to be able to get permission from the insurance company for a nominal fee to salvage what is valuable from the sunken vessel. If the negotiations are successful, the work will probably be done during low water this fall. The diver plans to employ several men to help him with the lines and the pump. The boiler has a value of \$1500.00 it is declared.

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60 Years Ago, August 7, 1951

Efforts to recover the body of Wycliffe E. Rice, who drowned in The Columbia River Saturday have been suspended, Sherman County Sheriff Norman Fields said today. The search for the body had been going on since last Saturday night. Fields said that it is believed Rice’s body must have got into the main channel of the river. The 42 year-old Rufus man was a former pastor of the Nazarene church there. He was working as a deckhand on the Maryhill ferry from which he was reported to have slipped and drowned.

The Wasco County chapter of the American Red Cross is campaigning for funds for the relief of flood victims and has placed a wishing well in front of AM Williams & Company department store for donations, according to Chapter officials. Donations also may be mailed to the local Red Cross headquarters in the Vogt building or left at either local bank, or in containers at several local business houses. The actual campaign is now underway, with women from the American Association of University Woman Rebekah Lodge, American Legion Auxiliary, the three chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, BPW Soroptimist Club, Country Club and the Red Cross board calling to remind townspeople of the \$500 quota to be met.

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20 Years Ago, August 7, 1991

The Dalles Municipal Utilities Department has scheduled two opportunities for the public to tour the waste water treatment plant. The tours of the waste water treatment plant facility will be guided by senior staff employees of the utilities department. The tours will provide a chance for an “onsite” review of the

weakness and deficiencies of the wastewater treatment plant to meet the demand requirements placed on it for today and for community growth for the next 20 year period. It will also be a chance to review the alternatives of future treatment plant design and the recommendation of JM Montgomery engineers for “interim” repairs and enhancements of the existing treatment facility.

Cross country skiers and others who use the Tilly Jane Cabin in the historic Cloud Cap District on Mount Hood will notice a big difference this year thanks to a hard-working crew from The Dalles Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club. Members of the club have been volunteering some of their free time preparing to re-roof the structure with cedar shakes which they have been producing with hand tools and methods long ago replaced by power tools. Club members used hand-cut mallets and froes, which are a clever like tool with a right hand angle. The froes are used to lever the shakes off of the larger bolts of cedar.



June 12, 2011

100 Years Ago, June 12, 1911

As a result of a shooting affair Saturday afternoon at the Star lodging house, Duncan Smith, colored, is in the hospital with a shot in his right arm, and his wife Margaret Smith, is under \$25 bonds, awaiting trial. It is alleged that Smith, who has been doing porter work about the city, was drunk and abusive, and when his wife flashed a revolver he took it from her. Mrs. Smith immediately procured another weapon and this time succeeded in firing three shots at her husband, one taking effect in the latter's arm, shattering the bone at the elbow. The constantants were separated and the injured man was taken to the hospital where his arm was dressed, while the woman was placed under arrest, later being released under bonds. Mrs. Smith was employed at the Star lodging house, doing chamber work. It is said this is the second case of this kind between the couple, a similar affair having taken place recently in Portland.

Who is the proprietor of the Yellowstone saloon? This question was raised in police court yesterday when Joseph Malet was tried on the charge of conducting a disorderly place, being found guilty and fined \$50. The defendant will appeal the case to circuit court and was released under bonds. Malet certified during the proceedings before Police Judge P. B. Davis, that he is the proprietor of the Yellowstone. The license of the liquor place was recently transferred to Andrew Keller and the city officials supposed he was the proprietor of the saloon. Now it develops that Malet is the man at the helm, and he has no license. This being the situation, he has been unlawfully selling liquor without a license for the last few months. Chief of Police J. H. Harper, who arrested Malet, says that the saloon man has given the officers considerable trouble. He states that he twice warned Malet to conduct a more orderly place and visited him a few days ago when he heard a great uproar in the joint, to warn him again.

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80 Years Ago, June 12, 1931

Hundreds of tons of cherries, which used to look like golden dollars but this season more resemble copper pennies, were coming into The Dalles today as the cherry season got well under way, with a short crop and a shorter price. The Royal Anne pool of The Dalles Cooperative growers, estimated at some 600 to 700 tons, was disposed of late yesterday with the announcement that one-third to one-half of the crop will be sold to the Ray Mailing cannery at Hillsboro, and the rest barreled for maraschino purposes. The cherries sold to the Ray Mailing company will bring 3 ½ cents per pound, netting the growers nothing in

income save a small amount for picking management, and representing an actual cash loss of from ¼ cent to 1 cent in some instances. The price was the lowest in two decades.

Experiments in freezing asparagus for shipping purposes, and in putting up individual packages of the frozen 'grass' for retail consumption, are being carried on here by the General Products Company of America. Employees are putting up small packages of the fresh asparagus, immediately after cutting in the fields in small cardboard packages. The choice portion of the stalk is used for this purpose and the bunch is wrapped in waxed paper. The plants of the Stadelman Fruit Company and the Western Dairy products company are being used for the experimental work, it was stated.

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60 Years Ago, June 12, 1951

Dalles City firemen will join the national home inspection drive starting next Monday to rid homes of the fire hazards that claim 11,000 lives each year, fire Chief Charles E. Roth, Jr., said today. Every one of the some 1,500 homes in The Dalles will be visited by two-man fire inspection teams and the householder asked to permit inspection. An individual report listing fire hazards will be submitted to the householder after the survey, Roth said. The survey will point out fire hazards and thus reduce fire losses and perhaps save lives. Of the 11,000 lives lost by fire annually, Roth noted, about 4,000 of the total are those of helpless children.

Harvesting of truck produce in the Mid-Columbia area is well underway, with some crops having already run their summer course, local marketers reported today. Soon on the market will be local green beans, while early lettuce, cabbage and peas have been almost completely harvested. Strawberries are also practically done for the year. The Dalles is still getting lettuce from the Eight mile area, and will be supplied from there all summer. Mid-Columbia tomatoes are expected to be ready for picking by July 1, and the first local cucumbers will come from the fields by then. Sweet corn from local farms will be in stores sometime next month. Buyers commented that truck produce crops in this area were slightly reduced in volume by the late spring freeze, but that weather has caused no unusual delay in ripening of crops.

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40 Years Ago, June 12, 1971

The Dalles High School lunch room ended the year about \$1,200 in the black, school officials reported this week. Located in a building that housed part of the industrial arts program in the days before the Vocational Center. Chat 'n Chew needed a district subsidy to get started but now is a successful business, Assistant Principal Dave Jones told the District 12 school board. In a discussion of student involvement, the lunchroom was cited as an example of youth responsibility. Chat 'n Chew is student-oriented.

City officials remind motorists not to leave their cars parked in restricted downtown areas in early morning hours when the street sweeper is operating. An ordinance adopted in December, 1962 prohibits parking between the hours of 3 and 5 a.m. for a period longer than 30 minutes.

Volunteers are needed for migrant baby day care services during the cherry-picking season here. Carolyn Merriman, social worker aide for Headstart, said the care is provided in the volunteer's home as in past years. The daily period is 5 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the parents providing clothes, food and transportation to the day-care home. Persons who provided voluntary care for an infant last year and who wish to do so

again are being asked to telephone the Opportunity Center.

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20 Years Ago, June 12, 1991

The staff and students at The Dalles Junior High/Middle School Tuesday gave a rousing sendoff to Principal Jack Harmon who is retiring at the end of this school year. At a special assembly, Harmon was the focus of a series of skits that involved most of the faculty and some of the students at the school. Harmon is leaving D-12 after 33 years of service, including the last nine as principal. The skits took Harmon back to 1958 and then into the future, as far as 2008, and took a humorous look at how he had dealt with problems with students over the years. These problems included a protest over the amount of homework assigned, the dress code (or in the case of one staff participant, the un-dress code) and a set of triplets who were out to thwart the grading and attendance systems in place at the school. Harmon became a participant in the skit, showing part of his role in dealing with the problems including a constant "did I tell you to sit down?" as he faced each one of the misbehaving students.

Parts of the proposed Lower Deschutes River Management Plan was attacked and defended at yesterday's meeting of The Dalles Convection and Visitors Commission. Commissioners agreed that the river is important to local tourism and that they should develop a position on the plan, which addresses use of the river, a popular destination for boaters, anglers and others who enjoy outdoor recreation. A committee will review the proposal, recommending by next month what position the commission should take. Commissioner Glenn Summers specifically challenged provisions of the plan which would restrict powerboat use of the Deschutes although he said the plan does an effective job in other areas of protecting the river.



June 5, 2011

100 Years Ago, June 5, 1911

The Chronicle asks its readers to kindly excuse all typographical errors today, for the force labored under a great excitement, and did not recover, during the day, from a startling event which occurred this morning. As a result, the linotype operator allowed his metal to become cold; the make-up man "pied" seven gallons of dope; one of the ad-compositors kicked over a rack of type and was compelled to set his ads from type in the "hell-box", while four other members of mechanical force contributed their share of "ball-ups." And a harem skirt and Miss Ethel Roberts caused The Chronicle to have such a hard time in getting out its sheet !Ethel is a nice looking girl and she is intelligent. She is the leading equestrienne of the Sells-Floto circus.

A bold attempt was made Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock to break into Lindquist's jewelry store. R. C. Crowe and C. O. Sipe were sitting in a small room back of the store proper when they heard someone walking on the tin roof of the building. In a very few minutes, a man lighted a match to enable him to locate the skylight above the room and began to crawl through to the store below. The two men walked until he was about half through the enclosure when Mr. Sipe fired at him with a rifle. The shot went wide of the mark and the man made his escape by crawling from the roof through a window in Ferdinand Dietzel's office, then leaving the building by the main entrance on Second Street. The store being in darkness, no description of the intruder was gained.

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80 Years Ago, June 5, 1931

Lewis Lowe, 22, was in the city jail today after having confessed to passing two forged checks totaling more than \$26. He had previously been identified as the man who passed the spurious drafts. Arrest was made by city police. Officers said that he passed on check for \$9.50, signed by Jack Beals and made out in favor of Charles Berger, on Cramer brothers' cigar store. The other check for \$16.75, made out to Charles Dillinger and signed by Jack Beals, was passed on The Horn pool hall. Lowe was in trouble several months ago when he allegedly took some money from Mrs. Grace Rigg's service station at Rowena, where he had been working. He was arrested as he was taking an eastbound stage here, was taken before the justice of the peace, found guilty and served a short term in the county jail.

Two men giving their names as R. Russell and Maurice Baumes were arrested 21 miles east of Arlington last night and were being held for car theft today, after the men had eluded local officers here shortly after midnight. Night Patrolmen Clarence Dunsmore and Willard Osborne saw the pair near Second and Liberty Street, acting in a suspicious manner. While the officers circled the block to 'shake down' the suspects, the men fled in a light coupe. Having no speedy vehicle, the city officers telephoned to Night Office Theodore Sweetin at Arlington, who in turn called Frank McMahon, state traffic office.

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60 Years Ago, June 5, 1951

William Dyer has been transferred from the street department and appointed civic auditorium custodian, City Manager Loyd Brady said today. Dyer replaces Robert Murray, who resigned last week. The auditorium will remain open all summer because of a heavy advance booking, Brady said, and the work formerly done at the natatorium by Murray is being handled by the recreation staff.

The water department's first annual spring clean-up is nearing completion with repairing and rewiring of all buildings and about \$200 realized from the sale of salvaged scrap iron, Superintendent Al Spickerman reported today. Other improvements made since the campaign started a month ago include installation of floodlights to permit work around the clock, grading and graveling of the road to the filtration plant and removal of old buildings in the Wick's reservoir area. In place of the demolished wood sheds and valve houses is a landscape seeded to grass with the area around the filtration plant filled in with gravel, he said

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40 Years Ago, June 5, 1971

Keep America Beautiful was more than a slogan today for a group of Boy Scouts in The Dalles. KAB day was observed by picking up trash and litter on roadsides on the outskirts of the city. It was part of the national Boy Scouts of America SOAR (Save Our American Resources) program scout units must participate in order to receive recognition.

Good news was received that the Wahtonka High School Band and Drill Team had placed third at the Victoria, B.C. Celebration Days parade May 24, and was announced by Director Bruce Bothwell. The community raised funds to make the trip possible after the school board has offered to pay a part of the expenses.

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20 Years Ago, May 22, 1991

A former resident of The Dalles received a hero's welcome at Colonel Wright Elementary School this week as he came to recount his experiences in the Persian Gulf War to a class which had 'adopted him' shortly after his arrival in Saudi Arabia last year. Darold Horton, a sergeant in the US Army Reserves, visited Pat Colasuonno's second grade on Tuesday on his way between his parent's home in Kodiak, Alaska, and back to job and family in San Diego. Horton, who graduated from The Dalles High School in 1980 and still considers The Dalles his home, left on November 2nd and returned to the United States May 2. For more than an hour, the students peppered Horton with questions about his role in the war and about the routine of life as a soldier in Saudi Arabia.

A police standoff situation involving three shots fired at police with nobody hurt continued past its 20th hour at noon today on Wishram Heights (Washington). A 39 year-old male the WSP (Washington State Police) attempted to stop on a routine check for erratic driving shortly after 3 p.m. Wednesday was involved.

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20 Years Ago, June 5, 1991

There's an injury car accident in the southern end of Wasco County near Shaniko and someone hurries to the nearest phone and dial 9-1-1. The dispatcher who takes the call immediately sends an ambulance from Maupin and also a Wasco County deputy sheriff who is the nearest law enforcement officer. Those are the facts that are commonly known, but what most residents don't know about their emergency services agency is that along with the 'typical' ambulance and police dispatch calls, the dispatcher has also notified the Sherman County Sheriff's office that a Wasco County Deputy would be making an emergency trip into that county (it was the fastest way to the accident scene) and has also called Air Life in Bend to put that emergency service on stand-by in case it is needed. All of that effort goes into one accident.

The sixth annual Mid-Columbia Health Foundation golf tournament raised more than \$5000 Tuesday to benefit a regional health resource center, and Chairwoman Shirley Skov today announced results. Northwest Aluminum #1 and Twelfth St. Surgical tied for the men's team title. Northwest Aluminum included Jim Shafer, Rick Elliot, Galen May and Jim Nordquist. Twelfth St. Surgical included Hal Sessions, Tom Nichol, Dennis Bruneau and Mark Scott. The winning women's team was from The Dalles Veterinary, and included Shirley Skov, Nancy Ramsey, Betty Mills and Sue Rinehart.



May 15, 2011

100 Years Ago, May 15, 1911

"The new ordinance, prohibiting the disposal of liquor in the resorts here, went into effect Saturday at midnight, and the law will be strictly enforced," said Chief of Police J. H. Harper. "I notified the landlady of every house that the ordinance must be lived up to after Saturday at midnight and they all know what the

law is. The lid is on and will stay on, too. Any woman who violates the new ordinance will not only be fined, but will be banished from the city." This splendid measure, now in effect, was fostered and introduced by Councilmen L. A. Schanno and J. P. McInerney.

The directors of The Dalles Driving Park association have practically completed plans for the erection of an auditorium, exhibit buildings, stables and officers' quarters at the fair grounds. The grand stand will be enlarged and other improvements are scheduled to be made. Peter Steffle has been engaged to place the race track in first class condition and to plant shade trees at the grounds.

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80 Years Ago, May 15, 1931

Coroner C. M. Zell was on his way to the John Day River at the southeast corner of Wasco County, near Clarno, to assist in the search for the body of Joe Dyke, 76-year old pioneer resident of central Oregon, drowned yesterday. According to Marie Hicks, 20, a witness from the Hicks ranch on the banks of the river, the elderly man attempted to ford the stream on horseback. The horse stepped into a hole, throwing the rider off, and Dykes never reappeared again above the surface, it was said. The first call came from Joe Scott, foreman of the Big Muddy ranch, who telephoned to Sheriff Harold Sexton and requested assistance in locating the body.

Someone, either a group of desperados or a gang of boys, was "well heeled" today as the result of a robbery at Kuck and Bonney's store, Second and Laughlin streets, sometime during the night. Five guns of various types, revolvers, automatics or pistols, were taken by the robbers. Nothing else in the store was molested, Ralph Bonney, one of the proprietors of the establishment, said today. No ammunition for the guns was missing, as far as could be checked. Access was gained by breaking glass in a rear door, Bonney said. The miscreants apparently went into the store with the express purpose of providing themselves with fire arms. The weapons were valued at about \$150.

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60 Years Ago, May 15, 1951

Now is the time to start thinking of entries for the Miss The Dalles beauty contest. This reminder came today from M. C. Thorn, chairman of the Kiwanis club committee sponsoring the annual event. He also doubles as state chairman of the Miss Oregon beauty contest which will be held at Seaside on July 26, 27 and 28. Winner of the Miss Oregon contest will be sent to Atlantic City, N.J. to take part in the Miss America competition. No date has yet been set for the local beauty contest, although it probably will be held some time during the latter part of June, Thorn said.

Power lawnmower owners were cautioned today by Police Chief M. E. Cloe not to leave their machines unattended because they may be stolen by an organized ring specializing in this practice. No power mower thefts have been reported here to date, he said but four were stolen in Hood River recently by what is believed to be a group operating between Yakima and Hood River.

A smaller portion of the taxpayer's dollar will go to fulfill the budget demands of Port of The Dalles this year, despite an increased budget. This year the Port has voted a budget of \$83,216.50 compared to \$78,298.76 last year. Two sources will be tapped to supply funds for the budget, the port district tax roll and receipts received by the port through rentals and services. Of the total budget figure, \$35,716.50 will come from taxes while the other \$49,000 will come from anticipated receipts.

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40 Years Ago, May 15, 1971

Two young farmers from Japan whose agricultural knowhow was gained from hand tilling of small irrigated fields of rice in their native land are learning new skills on a big ranch in the Bakeoven area of Southern Wasco County. They are among 400 such youths on various ranches in Oregon and Washington in a cooperative program by the agencies of the two nations, Japan and the United States. Kenzo (Kenny) Ito, 20, arrived only two weeks ago on the Ward Ranch operated by Eric Ward, while Akira (Paul) Kosawa has rounded out their weeks there. In all they will be at the ranch of their hosts, in paying jobs and in classes at the community college in Moses Lake, Wash., for a total of two years.

Something had to go when the downtown mall was built last year and now an effort has been started to get it back. The missing element is the blue and green glass mosaic tile intended to give color to the pool that runs the length of the mall connecting the north side of Second Street to the city parking lot area. Cost of the tile and installation is placed at \$1,330. Individuals and organizations wanting to add their bit of color to the mall may send contributions to the Pool Tile fund in care of the Beautification Commission, City Manager's Office, City Hall.

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20 Years Ago, May 15, 1991

School District 9 budget committee members are expected on Thursday to adopt a budget for the purpose of meeting the legal deadlines and then when state figures firm up the board would decide whether adjustments must be made. The impact of Measure 5 limiting local school property taxes to \$15 per \$1000 this year will cost the district about \$175,000 (estimate) in its revenue from taxes and from the money the state will send to make up loss from taxes. Ballot Measure 5 included a provision that the state will replace the money which school districts lose under limit. In district 9's case, it levied \$2,809,000 last year and this year proposes to raise that by the constitutional six percent and levy \$2,977,540. But that would require a tax rate greater than \$15 and the state is required to make up the difference.

The Maupin and Tygh Valley school districts will become one this summer as the result of joint action by the two districts' school boards last week. Both boards approved a simple merger – the Tygh Valley Elementary School district will, in effect, become part of the larger Maupin Elementary School District. The first superintendent of the enlarge district will be Dr. Alexis Cheryl Twyner, a head special education teacher from Davenport, Iowa. She was selected from among nine applicants, four of them from Oregon.



October 7, 2001 - Stewart, Swift, Kruger

100 Years Ago October 7, 1901

The Wasco correspondent of the Wasco (city) news says he is told that "Mr. James Stewart intends to thresh his crop with a tread power thresher. This machine will probably be as much of a curiosity to the

majority of the Sherman County people as a harvester would be in the sheep districts. Frank Swift is to be general manager and we suggest that a special swearing agent would not be a bad investment with the rest of the circus.”

Rev. Paul Kruger is quite well (well sp) at his home in this city of nervous prostration. He was taken ill on the road about a week ago while traveling for The Dalles nurseries and had to be brought home.

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