Historic Inn Popular In Pioneer Days

Tavern at Wolf Creek Accommodated Many Notables in Career

An historic inn which once provided a welcome stopping place on the old stage coach line from Sacramento to Oregon City, will be the scene of the dedication Friday of the newly completed Azalea-Wolf Creek section of the Pacific Highway.

The inn is the Wolf Creek Tavern, built in 1857, the only hostelry operating today of the many such which welcomed travelers through Oregon in the stage coach era.

Few changes mark it today—a wing has been added, a ballroom remodeled, an attic closed—but the main structure still marks the sturdiness with which it was built when Ben Holladay started his stage route over the mountain passes, now paralleled in many places by the present winding Pacific Highway.

Like many another historic structure, the antiquity of the Wolf Creek Tavern became realized only when nearly all its authentic records had been lost. Yet in its day the tavern was the stopping place of many noted personages, including President Hayes on his first trip to Oregon, the first visit of any president to the west while in office.

It is claimed that Ulysses S. Grant here made his headquarters and that one of the first three lodges of the I. O. O. F. in Oregon territory was organized in its attic. Here, in view of the southern Oregon mountains, Jack London hunted and fished and wrote the final chapters of his "Valley of the Moon."

Henry Smith, whose grave lies in a cemetery north of the little community and along the abandoned stage coach road, was the first innkeeper. It is said he was a near teetotaler and the tavern never had a bar. Travelers perforce frequented a small building nearby, supposedly called the Gallon House, because it sold whisky in that quantity.

Rooms Via Candles

Although stages arrived at all hours, the innkeepers had no night clerks or registers for guests. Late travelers were little inconvenienced, however. Above the mantelpiece of the front fireplace was a candle for each room. If no candles remained, no rooms were vacant. If one was left, then newcomers would ascend the stairs and pound on each door until they reached one from which there came no response. That room was theirs.

One of the rooms is pointed out as headquarters of General Grant during the Rogue River Indian wars. This is probably only pleasant fantasy, for a year before the construction of the tavern the war ended with the redskins' final defeat at the battle of the Big Meadows, and on July 2, 1858, a year after construction of the tavern, Captain Meservey of the volunteers wrote: "The last of the red men have been captured and shot, only women and children spared, and they are en route for the reserve."

But Mr. Dougall (one of the owners of the tavern in recent years) says he has discovered that Grant, then a second lieutenant of the 77th Texas mounted riflesmen, was transferred from a California post to Vancouver, Washington, and that he might possibly have been at Wolf Creek for the final Indian cleanup.

The visit of President Hayes is more authentic, for within recent years Miss Gertrude Lee Huntington of Spokane visited Wolf Creek and wrote: "My father, Dr. David Low Huntington, surgeon of the United States Army, came here as attending surgeon with President Hayes' party in 1879 or 1880." In the party, she said, were Mrs. Hayes, Colonel and Mrs. James Audenceil and Miss Rachel Sherman, daughter of General William Tecumseh Sherman. "My father often spoke of Wolf Creek Tavern," she said.

Old Stage Coach Remains

In Grants Pass now is a stage coach which was put into its original use on the run between Roseburg and Grants Pass. After the building of the railroad, it was transferred to the run between Grants Pass and Crescent City.

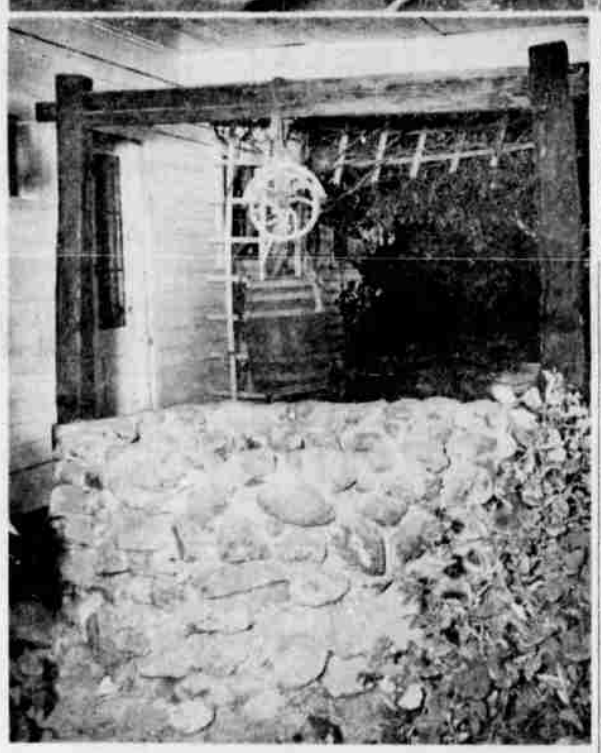
The ownership of the coach was in dispute for many years, but about 1936, by action of the County Court, the title was given legally to the Oregon Cavemen of Grants Pass.

Repairs have been made as necessary but the coach is in substantially the same condition as when it was retired from the road. No authentic records in this regard are available, but there is little question that the stage coach stopped at Wolf Creek Tavern many times while it was being used on the Grants Pass to Roseburg run.

(Facts concerning historic Wolf Creek Tavern at Wolf Creek, Ore., appearing here were taken from a feature article appearing in The Oregonian July 12, 1936, by Rex Tussing, former editor of the Grants Pass Courier.)

The Spaniards shipped the first tobacco out of America in 1531.

Camels were first put to work in the desert of Australia in 1840.



— State Highway Commission

HISTORIC TAVERN—Top view shows the historic Wolf Creek Tavern, built in 1857, which will be the scene of the dedication of newly-completed sections of the Pacific Highway Oct. 1. The lower view is of the lobby of the historic tavern. Bottom picture shows the old oaken bucket and well at Wolf Creek Tavern.

China Outlaws All Foreign Currencies

NANKING, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Possession of United States dollars or other foreign currencies in China are now as illegal as carrying around a pocketful of opium.

Finance ministry spokesmen said there would be no extension of the Sept. 30 deadline for Chinese as well as foreign residents to surrender foreign currencies.

Possessors of opium are subject to the death penalty. Finance ministry said those who have foreign currency in their possession are subject to "severe punishment."

Three Airmen Missing In Crash, 10 Others Escape

FAIRBANKS, Sept. 29—(AP)—The Air Force is investigating today a B-29 weather plane crash in which three airmen are missing.

Ten others escaped when the plane piled up during a landing approach at Shemya in the extreme western Aleutians.

It was with the 375th weather reconnaissance squadron here. The accident was the first since Arctic weather missions began in March of last year, Ladd field officials said.

Names of the victims are being withheld until relatives have been notified.

Tear Gas, Fists Used In Fight Over Parking Space

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 30 (AP)—Two men were temporarily blinded last night when one of them fired a pocket-type tear gas gun during an argument over a parking space, Police Sgt. William Krokinberger said.

Krokinberger identified the two as Emanuel Lopowitz, 31, Melrose Park, Pa., and Milton F. Binder, a Philadelphia automobile salesman. Binder was charged with atrocious assault and battery by tear gas gun and both were charged with assault and battery by fist, the policeman said.

Krokinberger quoted Lupowitz as saying he had parked in front of an automobile showroom when he was told by Binder that the parking space was reserved for prospective customers.

An argument developed, Krokinberger said, during which Binder set off the tear gas gun. Both disputants were taken to a hospital.

Eisenhower Favors Fun For College Students

NEW YORK, Sept. 29—(AP)—College students should have fun says Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Columbia University President.

He told more than 1,200 students at an assembly yesterday: "The day that goes by that you don't have some fun is not only unnecessary, but un-Christian. If you don't have it, you are not being true to yourselves."

The students cheered when Eisenhower told them he considers expansion of recreational facilities to be one of his first duties.

U. S. Opens Island Areas To Fishing For All

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The United States yesterday ordered the former Japanese-mandated island areas in the Pacific open to commercial fishing operations of all nations.

The islands are the Caroline, Marshall and Mariana groups. Their coastal waters cover an area as large as the continental United States. They are rich in fishery resources, particularly tuna.

The island areas now are administered by the U. S. as a trust territory under authority of the United Nations.

Accused Scientist Brands Charges False

LACROSSE, Wis., Sept. 30—(AP)—Dr. Clarence F. Hiskey yesterday termed charges that he conspired to give atom bomb secrets to Soviet agents "false and devoid of factual basis."

Hiskey is a Professor of Analytical Chemistry at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

The House Un-American Activities Committee recommended spy prosecution of Hiskey, and his first wife, Marcia Sand Hiskey.

Use of camels in the U. S. desert regions of the Southwest was tried but abandoned in the middle of the last century largely because horses and mules stampeded at the sight or smell of camels.

Jefferson Davis, later president of the confederacy, encouraged the importation of camels into the United States in 1855 when he was secretary of war.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS OF CITY OF OAKLAND, OREGON

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the undersigned, City Recorder of the City of Oakland, Douglas County, Oregon, up to and including 8 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, the 20th day of October, 1948, and immediately thereafter publicly opened by the Common Council of said City in the City Hall of said City, for an issue of Twenty-five Thousand dollars ($25,000) par value of General Obligation Bonds issued of the purpose of providing funds with which to build and equip a city municipal building to house the city offices, city library, fire fighting equipment, city jail, and for the purpose of purchasing police and street maintenance equipment, in denominations of One Thousand Dollars ($1000) each to be dated November 1, 1948, and to bear interest payable semi-annually on the first day of January and the first day of July of each year at not to exceed four and one-half 4½ per cent per annum, principal and interest payable at office of the City Treasurer of Oakland, Oregon, and to mature numerically as follows:

Bond No.	Maturity Date	Amount
1	Jan. 1, 1951	$1,000.00
2	Jan. 1, 1952	$1,000.00
3	Jan. 1, 1953	$1,000.00
4	Jan. 1, 1954	$1,000.00
5	Jan. 1, 1955	$1,000.00
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9	Jan. 1, 1959	$1,000.00
10	Jan. 1, 1960	$1,000.00
11	Jan. 1, 1961	$1,000.00
12	Jan. 1, 1962	$1,000.00
13	Jan. 1, 1962	$1,000.00
14	Jan. 1, 1963	$1,000.00
15	Jan. 1, 1963	$1,000.00
16	Jan. 1, 1964	$1,000.00
17	Jan. 1, 1964	$1,000.00
18	Jan. 1, 1965	$1,000.00
19	Jan. 1, 1965	$1,000.00
20	Jan. 1, 1966	$1,000.00
21	Jan. 1, 1966	$1,000.00
22	Jan. 1, 1967	$1,000.00
23	Jan. 1, 1967	$1,000.00
24	Jan. 1, 1968	$1,000.00
25	Jan. 1, 1968	$1,000.00

Said bonds will not be sold for less than par and accrued interest, and all bidders will be required to state the rate of interest at which they propose to purchase said bonds, not exceeding four and one-half (4½%) per cent per annum. Every bid shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a certified check on a bank doing business in the State of Oregon for not less than two per cent (2%) of the par value of said bonds, to be forfeited to the City in case the successful bidder shall fail with the terms of his bid. All bids will be publicly opened by the Common Council at said time and place, said bonds to be sold to the highest responsible bidder for not less than par and accrued interest, the Common Council reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Said bonds are issued under the provisions of the City Charter of the City of Oakland, Oregon, as amended by the legal voters thereof at a special election held on Sept. 2, 1948, and the laws of the State of Oregon. The City reserves the right of redemption, prior to maturity, of such bonds of said issue as shall mature on or after two years from issue date, redemption to be in numerical order on any interest paying date, upon thirty (30) days notice given by publication thereof in a newspaper printed and published and of general circulation in Douglas County, Oregon.

The successful bidder shall satisfy himself as to the legality of said bonds, for which purpose a transcript of proceedings of the City of Oakland, in connection with said bond issue will be furnished by the City Recorded by application therefor at the office of Gerald O. Kabler, Attorney at Law, Bank Building, Sutherlin, Oregon.

By order of the Common Council of the City of Oakland, Oregon, and Ordinance No. 130 of said City.

Dated and first published this 23rd day of September, 1948.

FRED HEWETT,
City Recorder of the
City of Oakland, Oregon.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION NOTICE

STATE OF OREGON)
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS) SS.
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4)

Notice is hereby given that at the school district bond election hereby called to be held at the Junior High School Building in the City of Roseburg in and for said School District No. 4 of Douglas County, Oregon, on Monday, the 18th day of October, 1948, between the hours of 2:00 o'clock p. m. and 7:00 o'clock p. m., there will be submitted to the legal voters of said school district the question of contracting a bonded indebtedness in the sum of Eight Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars ($895,000) for the purpose of constructing additions to the present high school building, Fullerton School, Riverside School and Edenbower School, and equipping and furnishing the same, constructing a central heating plant for the Fullerton School and Senior High School, constructing a new building on the Benson School grounds for the purpose of an assembly hall and gymnasium, and for the purpose of additional equipment and furnishings for the Rose School; the vote to be by ballot on which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes" and "Bonds—No" and the voter shall place a cross (X) between the word "Bonds" and the word "Yes" or between the word "Bonds" and the word "No", whichever indicates his choice. The polls for the reception of the ballots cast for or against the contraction of said undebtedness will, on said day and date and at the place aforesaid, be opened at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p. m. and remain open until the hour of 7:00 o'clock p. m. of the same day, at which hour the same shall be closed.

By order of School District No. 4 of Douglas County, Oregon, made the 20th day of September, 1948.

A. J. ELLISON, Chairman, District School Board.

ATTEST: A. B. COLLIER, Clerk.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Marguerite Stevens, Executrix of the estate of William Hoelke, deceased, has filed her final account in the County Court for Douglas County, Oregon, and that Friday the 22nd of October, 1948, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the County Court Room in the Court House in Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, has been fixed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said account and final settlement of said estate. Any and all objections to said account must be filed with the Clerk of said Court on or before the date of said hearing.

Date of first publication, September 23, 1948.

MARGUERITE STEVENS, Executrix.

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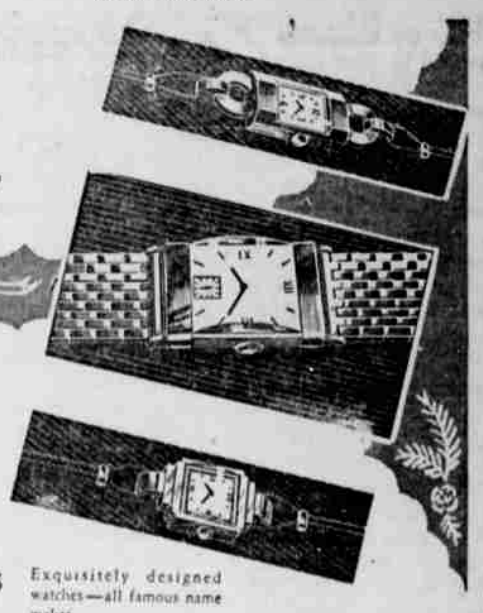

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