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1921 — 100 years ago
The Hood River High School Commencement Exercises were held at the auditorium Wednesday night, the building being filled to capacity. While the program contained many features, it went with a swing that has been typical of the work in the schools this year, under the able administration of Supt. A.M. Cannon and his efficient faculty and both parents and other citizens expressed their unqualified approval of the exercises on Wednesday evening and the various class functions that have preceded it. — *Hood River News*

The Dalles was selected at the convention of the Oregon Laundry Owners' association held in Eugene last week, as the next meeting place for the organization, according to word brought back by J.H. Weiss of the Model laundry. The 1922 convention will probably be held in June. — *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*

1941 — 80 years ago
At a meeting of the board of directors for School District No. 3, on Wednesday of last week, it was decided to discontinue manual training and home economics in the seventh and eighth grades in the city junior high school and center these activities in the ninth grade courses at the high school. It was also announced that the new home economics hall will be available for use at the start of school this coming fall. The contractors, Baldwin & Wheir, are now awaiting arrival of some cabinets and when these are at hand, the new department will be rapidly completed, probably in early June. — *Hood River News*

Power from Bonneville flowed into Wasco County promptly at 2:10 p.m. Saturday, signaling the energization of 26 miles of REA lines and the beginning of service to 51 rural customers who heretofore have had to do without all those comforts that are associated with electricity. The "juice" hummed over the newly-constructed lines as soon as W.E. Davis, president of Wasco Electric cooperative pulled the switch on the sub-station grounds. — *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*

1961 — 60 years ago
Hood River firemen followed up their busy Saturday at Jaymar mill with a week of minor duties. Tuesday morning an alarm brought two trucks to cover a flu fire on Prospect Street. Firemen maintained a watch while the chimney blaze burned harmlessly out. Wednesday was "thrill day" for kids at Coe Primary school. Firemen gave the grade schoolers their annual ride on the department's shiny red fire engines — accounting for the impressive wail of sirens around the downtown area that morning. — *Hood River News*

One Dalles City operation is beginning to cause problems for another. City Manager C. Dean Smith was informed today that burning waste gas at the city's sewage disposal plant has on several occasions caused alarms at the city fire station. When the excess waste gas is ignited in an exhaust pipe at the plant, the flame shoots high over the buildings' skyline silhouette ... People south of the shielding buildings, seeing the sudden fire jet, immediately and logically assume the buildings are ablaze and summon the fire department, the chief said. — *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*

1981 — 40 years ago
Oregon has placed a July 1 deadline for closing the Hood River County middle mountain landfill, but Public



Janel Turner flips over backwards while some members of the Village Tumblers look on at the outside stage in Rheingarten Park on Saturday. The Village Tumblers, all students at Whitson Elementary School, also performed on Sunday. Jackie Littrell, Ellie Rodriguez, Tanya McGraw, and Amy Miller, left to right, also participated in the May Fest performances. — *White Salmon Enterprise*

Works Director Tony Klein says it is "all but impossible" to meet that date, and another deadline set requiring a permanent facility to be in operation. He said he'll draft a proposal for an appeal that would allow the county another year and a half of use at the landfill, and even then he's not sure a replacement facility can be in place by that time. — *Hood River News*

Four fires here last weekend may have been set, local authorities said today. On the way to the first report of a fire at the Mattes garage, firemen reported they found a fire in a trash barrel at The Dalles High School. City Fire Chief Guy Ealey said it appeared all of the fires had been set. Some juveniles were interviewed by city police after the garage fire and some juveniles were seen running from the area shortly after the fire at the Wilbern residence was observed. No arrests have been made. — *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*

2001 — 20 years ago
A group of nearly two dozen volunteers rallied together last weekend to clean up debris in Post Canyon. The group hauled to the dump 10 truckloads of trash and household items that had been illegally dumped along the popular mountain biking road on the West Side. According to organizer Ruth Chausse, about 50 old tires were picked up along with mattresses, a washer and dryer, and a refrigerator. — *Hood River News*

The Washington Department of Health's Internet-based anti-tobacco reality series, *Unfiltered*, follows the lives of five tobacco-using high school students from across Washington. One of the five students featured is White Salmon's Nicole DeArmond, a 16-year-old sophomore at Columbia High School. All five were brought to Seattle, where they had to kick their smoking habit for a weekend or be sent home. "It's been fun," DeArmond said "I've had congratulations and the program helped me stop. I've learned a lot." DeArmond was chosen among 100 students across the state who applied for the program. One of the graphic lessons the students endured was looking at a smoker's lungs in an autopsy room. "The autopsy was pretty intense," she said. Piggy Thomas, from MTV's *Road Rules*, hosted the program, which saw the students visit the University of Washington Medical School for a look at the true effects of tobacco use. The girls also ran drills with Head Coach Lin Dunn of the Seattle Storm. — *White Salmon Enterprise*

Several local education issues are still awaiting word from Salem following last week's revenue forecast.



Poster Winners — Award winners in Hood River's Sister City poster contest stand by their creations, which judges selected from among more than 120 entries. Elementary winners are in front, backed by junior high winners. From front are Malinda Klantchnek, third, \$10; John Fenn, second, \$15; and Pat Hazen, first, \$25; and junior high winners Christie Wangelin, first, \$25; Kristy Peleshok, second, \$15; and Mary McMurren, third, \$10. Their posters went on display at the Hood River County Library and some of them might be sent to Hood River's Sister City of Tsuruta, Japan, for display in that community. — *Hood River News*, May 28, 1981



Between showers on Monday, members of the Wamic and Maupin American Legion Posts conducted Memorial Day Services. The picture is from services at the Kelly Cemetery in Juniper Flat. — *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*, May 26, 1981

Measures affecting the future of Petersburg School, Hood River County annexation into the Columbia Gorge Community College district, and a request by Gov. John

Kitzhaber for additional college funding are still on hold, according to state revenue officials. — *The Dalles Chronicle*

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Stage Is Set For Presentation Of Great Historical Pageant; Thousands Expected To Attend

Picturesque Braves And Families From Wapinitia Reservation Arrive to Participate In Event; Encamped At Auto Park.

Pioneers In Parade To Receive Honors

Local Song Leaders Will Have Charge Of Community Singing; Portland Parties To See Big Show

The Dalles tonight stands on the eve of one of the biggest days in its history.

The historical pageant will be given tomorrow evening at 6:30 o'clock, when, in a series of ten episodes, momentous events in the history of the making of the Pacific northwest will be portrayed by nearly a thousand residents of the city and its immediate environs.

The final rehearsal is being held this afternoon. Each scene of the pageant is being carefully worked out for the last time, following the systematic rehearsals of each group which have been going on since last month.

Scores of Indians from the Wapinitia reservation reached the city early this afternoon, after having started their journey yesterday. They will encamp at the park. Ten of the Indians in an advance party reached the city Wednesday and have made plans to care for the balance of the tribe when it arrives.

Six thousand people are expected to attend, according to H.W. Arbury, Community Service director, who is in general charge of the pageant.

Seats are being provided for 2,000 people, the chaquetauqua chairs being utilized for the purpose. There will be plenty of good seating space for the thousands of others

who may gather on the sloping ground leading away from the natural stage.

The site elected for the pageant is a beautiful one, and splendidly adapted to the purpose. The stage nestles at the base of a rocky cliff, is perfectly flat, and permits the presence of large numbers of people on the performing ground at one time.

There will be a picturesque parade of Indians and pioneers at noon tomorrow. Judge J.T. Rorick will be marshal of the parade, at the head of which, in automobiles, will be carried the five beloved pioneers of the city whose residence here antedates the established governments of state, county and city as they exist today.

These pioneers are John Crate, who came in 1850, B.F. Laughlin, 1850, Mrs. Mary Cushing, 1853, George R. Snipes, 1853, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Caleb Silvertooth. The latter was born at old Fort Dalles in November 1853, and is the oldest living native of The Dalles. All of these folks were here before The Dalles had any city government, when Wasco county extended to the Rockies and south to California, and when Oregon was still a province.

— *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*, May 26, 1921

Mass Meeting At Pine Grove Tonight

In order to give residents of Pine Grove and other sections of the valley an opportunity to solve the various doubts in their minds raised by the opponents of the Loop Road bond issue, a mass meeting has been called for tonight at Pine Grove Grange Hall at 8 p.m.

One of the state highway commissioners, Mr. Booth or Mr. Yeon, will be present to talk on the project and to

clear up any doubts which exist.

As this will probably be the last opportunity of securing the presence of the commissioners before the date of the bond issue, all interested are asked to make an effort to attend.

— *Hood River News*, May 27, 1921

GLOBAL HEADLINES

- 1921
- Stage Hits Cow; 1 Dead, 8 Injured
- Human Hair Is Found In Trunk
- Cigarettes Help End Mine Strike
- 1941
- Germans Open Offensive On Island Of Crete
- Greek King Has Narrow Escape
- Portland Faces Bread Shortage
- 1961
- Bus Riders May Get Suspended Sentences (Freedom Riders)
- Vicious Wind Kills Lad in Yakima Valley
- Hood River Man Pear Official
- 1981
- BPA Will Crank Windmills, Add Bonneville Generator
- 2001
- Congress passes historic tax cut
- Israel retaliates for suicide bombing
- Bush refuels energy proposal

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Ad for passenger rail travel, The Dalles Chronicle, 1921.

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