HISTORY

Big Sale is the message at the Grace Ralph Store as they prepare to go out of business in 1955. Scanned from a 4-inch by 5-inch black and white film negative. The Dalles Optimist/file

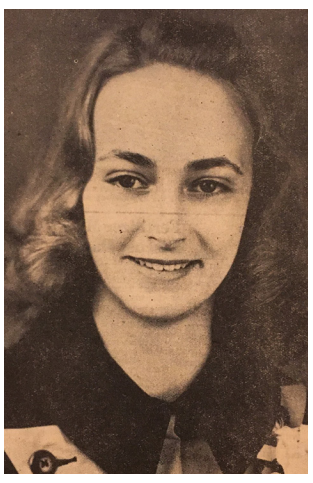
YESTERYEARS

1921 — 100 years ago

Many local auto owners have recently noticed that outside cars from other states are now carrying a plate bearing the name of their home city above their license tags. As the innovation is a useful one, the local Post of the American Legion has ordered a supply for Hood River and will, in the near future, place them on the market. The name "Hood River" is in white on a blue background. — *Hood River News*

A gasoline service station at the corner of Third and Liberty streets would be an asset instead of a liability to that part of the city, according to an answer filed in the circuit court today ... in reply to the complaint filed several days ago by J.T. Rorick and M.A. Moody asking for a permanent injunction against the construction of a service station. — *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*

1941 — 80 years ago



Through a majority sale of avalanche lilies, Joan Marble, sponsored by the local Elks, has been selected Queen of the Legion Mount Hood Climb and will preside over the royal court at the program Saturday night in Legion Camp. Loschenkohl photo. — Hood River News, July 18, 1941

In spite of record high temperatures in the valley this week, sunscald of apples and pears is not so extensive as might have been expected and much of the damaged fruit will be removed as thinning continues. Trees bordering on roads or in clean-cultivated orchards show the most sunscald and fruit on trees with light foliage also suffered. — *Hood River News*

The Diesel tug Mary Gail, pioneer in the barging of petroleum products to upper Columbia River points, was destroyed by fire Saturday at Attalia, Wash., according to word received here today. Origin of the fire was unknown. Captain C.C. Light and members of his crew lost all of their personal effects. But for the presence of another tug, the Invader, wheat and oil barges attached to the front and rear of the Mary Gail also would have burned, it was reported. The Invader succeeded in hooking on and pulling the two barges to safety. — *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*

New Fire Nozzle — Dennis Bonny of the Pine Grove Fire Department manned a new high pressure deluge nozzle during fire drill Tuesday evening at Moore Orchards on Highway 35. About 25 volunteers were on hand to practice hosing down fruit bins with the new $2,100 piece of equipment that can spray up to 200 feet high and has a volume capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute. The firemen gather twice every month. — Hood River News, July 23, 1981

1961 — 60 years ago

Stabilization of the supply of seasonal workers for employers and provision of steadier work throughout the season are two benefits now being realized through use of the annual worker plan by the Oregon State Employment Service. "Use of the annual worker plan has given us more of a guarantee of workers for harvesting and planting crops when farmers need them," Joseph Wilson, farm placement supervisor, said this week. — *Hood River News*

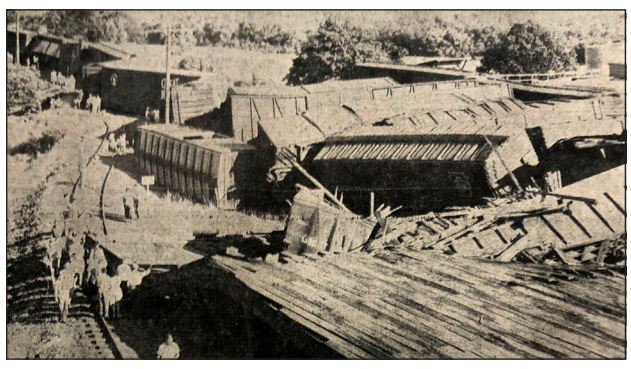
BINGEN, Wash. — An eastbound Spokane, Portland and Seattle freight train caught the trailer of a too-slow log truck in a crossing and — like a mammoth, irresistible ram — ripped and tore through almost 300 yards of right-of-way in downtown Bingen yesterday. No one was injured seriously in the grinding pileup, but the truck driver, shocked by his harrowing experience, was taken to a White Salmon hospital in a state of collapse. — *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*

1981 — 40 years ago

Construction of a 2.5-mile detour link between the Hood River Valley and Highway 35 is running ahead of schedule, and paving is expected to start next Monday, according to County Commission Chairman Elmer Murray. When it's completed, the new segment of the old loop highway from Cooper Spur junction to Highway 35 will have a 26-foot-wide surfacing and will be even six feet wider in sharper turns. — *Hood River News*

St. Peter's Landmark will observe its 10th anniversary Aug. 1 with a program of organ music by Agnes Schlichting beginning activities at 7 p.m. — *The Dalles Daily Chronicle*

Four persons were injured when the U.S. Forest Service helicopter they were flying fell 3,000 feet to a crash landing Friday in an old clear cut nine miles northwest of Trout Lake. The helicopter was enroute to Randle from Trout Lake where the three Forest Service employees aboard were stationed, when the crash occurred at 11:41 a.m. No cause has yet been determined for the engine failure that prompted the crash, a Forest Service spokesman said. — *White Salmon Enterprise*



Spectacular — Bingen residents and visitors yesterday at 3:45 P.m. daylight time were able to view a real life spectacular when a Spokane, Portland and Seattle fright train hit a log truck and plowed into a 20-car pile-up. At far left is GP-9 and road unit multiple piece locomotive partially on the track. At lower left is a deserted lumber loading platform, effectively demolished by the runaway freight cars. — July 21, 1961, The Dalles Daily Chronicle

2001 — 20 years ago

More than 100 skateboard fanatics rolled to the Hood River Skate Park for the first Obsidian Skate Jam, sponsored by Obsidian Snow & Skate. More than 30 local skateboarders of all ages put on a dynamic show of speed and high flying maneuvers. Mikey Burton of Hood River wowed the crowd with his unique skating style and walked away with a first place in the 16 and over division — and $100 cash and a pair of sunglasses. — *Hood River News*

The previous relative trickle of federal money to Gorge recreational areas may become a torrent this coming fiscal year. A senate Interior appropriations bill contains $6 million for seven Gorge projects, including Mosier Waterfront Park and Memaloose Campground. The goal of each project is to improve access to the Columbia River, said Kevin Price, assistant area manager with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. — *The Dalles Chronicle*

Washington Gov. Gary Locke requested the federal government to designate 13 Washington counties agricultural disaster areas. Locke made the request following the release of a report which found that June's severe storms caused heavy crop damage. — *White Salmon Enterprise*

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No Graduation In Grade School

There's no more graduation ceremonies in the grade schools of School District 1, the district board of directors decided this week.

They voted to abolish the former practice of graduation ceremonies for eighth grade students and some six grade ceremonies that have been held.

Members of the board said they thought the grade school graduation was inappropriate, since students are only at the mid-point of their mandatory education careers. They added that many parents object to the graduation clothes that have to be purchased for youngsters who do not wear them much after that — and outgrow them within months.

— Hood River News, July 20, 1961

Girl Hoboes Taken By Police

Hardened Youngsters from Yakima Intercepted On Hike To Portland

Travel worn and covered with dust from head to foot from hiking virtually the entire distance from Yakima to The Dalles, Ethel Lagerwell and Ruth Carter, 16 and 17 years old, respectively, were arrested by police here this afternoon.

The police believe that the girls ran away from home, although the girls insist their parents know where they are and are perfectly willing that they continue the hike to Portland, their destination.

Despite their extreme youth, both are so "hard-boiled" that even the most hardened habitues of the city hall were shocked upon hearing them talk. Both use profanity fluently. One of the girls declared that both had at one time worked as "stool-pigeons" for a private detective.

Telegrams were sent to the girls' parents by the police this afternoon in an effort to see whether or not their stories are true. They are being held in the county jail pending answer to the telegrams.

The girls left Yakima Monday, they said, walking and riding the entire distance to The Dalles. They spent last night in Goldendale, being assisted in their journey to The Dalles by rides given by friendly motorists. They wear coveralls, with boys' shoes and caps and a second glance is required to tell whether they are girls or boys.

The police arrested the girls upon the suspicion that they were members of a party that escaped from the Cedars near Portland several days ago.

— July 21, 1921, The Dalles Daily Chronicle

GLOBAL HEADLINES

1921

Full Acceptance By Japan To Parley Expected
Headless Bodies Present Mystery
Tale Of Sinking Without Foundation

1941

British Stage Tremendous Air Attacks Today
Germany Claims Soviet Troops Are Surrounded
Roosevelt Asks Congress To Keep Men In Service

1961

Grissom Successfully Rockets 118 Miles as Second U.S. Man Into Space
Train-Truck Smash Leaves Havoc
Kuwait in Arab League, Iraq May Quit

1981

No Postal Strike Yet
Ancient Martian Volcano Looked Like St. Helens