

Another Look At '75

1975 is past . . . gone forever. Was it a good year? A bad year? A so-so year? Or one of them "I'd rather not talk about it" years. Probably all of these descriptions are "it" for somebody, somewhere. But how was 1975 here . . . where it's important to the north Curry community? In an attempt to arrive at some kind of an answer, or at least refresh your memory, let's take our annual trip through the front pages of the Port Orford News and see what kind of headlines made the news.

JANUARY

The first month of the year came the announcement that the Elk River—Port Orford Highway Project Environmental Impact Statement was ready for comment, and the LCDC said it had adopted Statewide Land Use Goals. Veterans of Foreign Wars began a move to establish a post here; a Sixes man was killed in a motorcycle accident; C.W. Newton was the victim of a fatal accident in Arizona; new talks began on a six-six school program; development plans for the port were submitted as repairs to the dock were being completed; the city raised water rates; Curry agriculture products sales were reported down; a school bond measure in the amount of \$571,000 to finance new construction at Pacific high school and playsheds at Langlois and Port Orford failed and the high school was burglarized.

FEBRUARY

Citations for misbehavior became part of a new school bus policy adopted by the school board and 73 persons responded to a blood-typing program. North Curry deputy Les Knight quit to become operator of the Log Cabin Cafe; a VFW post was officially established; school budget proposals indicated a 25 percent increase; two brothers were killed by sheriff's deputies at a Pistol River cabin; plans for a community building were announced by the chamber of commerce and the Port Orford Press installed new printing equipment. To wind up the month, a jury ruled the deaths of the Pistol River brothers as justifiable. Freeman Gatchet was killed in his Pistol River cabin Feb. 10.

MARCH

The school board announced that their approved budget showed a 19.4 increase and Coos-Curry Electric announced plans for a rate increase in April. A GED program was instituted here; Mayor Leon White announced that Robert E. Gable, son of the first mayor, had agreed to donate \$18,000 to finish the new council chambers; complaints of social gambling abuse were heard by the city council; a cache of \$117,000 was reported found in the cabin of Pistol River resident Freeman Gatchet the day following his homicide; Russ Conn was named VFW commander; high winds forced a chip truck over the bank near Battle Rock; Army Engineers informed the port that they were working on a new system to pump sand away from the dock in lieu of building a breakwater to stop harbor shoaling; the mother of the Pistol River brothers killed by sheriff's deputies filed a \$6,000,000 suit for the death of one of them; the Ed Maloys celebrated their 60th anniversary; comprehensive planning started for the city and deputy sgt. Ken Mays was transferred to Brookings.

APRIL

A diabetes testing program was conducted; the city changed the rules on social games; Army engineers placed "bottom drifters" (made from Frisbees) in local waters to test currents, while the port was faced with the problem of emergency dredging under the hoist so fishing boats could operate. City recorder George Armstrong resigned; a bomb hoax emptied Pacific high school; the Sunflower Food Co. opened; county tax collections were reported to be down; the newly-formed Langlois Water District was faced with major problems with its water system and the port was granted funds under the CETA II program for two employees.

MAY

Charges of election law violations against sheriff Allen Boice and two deputies were ruled not valid by state election law officials; local Rotarians hosted a team of young business and professional men from India; Josie Forty was named Golden Years Queen for the Jetty Jubilee celebration; the school budget failed and school supt. George Bray resigned. Humbug Lodge was sold; Randy Sutton was named city recorder; the Wooden Nickel opened for business; the school budget was cut \$18,540; Blair Barklow was named one of four finalists for a 4-H leadership award and trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago; a haircutting suit filed against sheriff Boice and a deputy was settled out of court for \$3,500; the port was denied \$50,000 in funds from the county; Bill Sharp was named Outstanding Athlete for Pacific high school; a chamber of commerce-requested public hearing on the Mt. Butler-Dry Creek EIS resulted in an extension for public response; Arizona Beach was purchased by a trio from California; and Dorteia Miller resigned as Curry county Public Health Nurse.

JUNE

Ending a long controversy over the old Battle Rock school building, the school board voted to get rid of the building. Pacific senior Rhonda Colson was the victim of a fatal auto accident on graduation day; murr eggs were collected here for the Historical Society; painting and striping of the new tennis courts was completed; the city approved annexation of the Vera Sutton property; the Fountain of Charm opened in the former Sears building by Maxine McFarland; a second school budget election was turned down; a new sign was erected for Buffington Memorial Park; a 15-year-old Empire youth drowned while swimming.

Governor Wants Youth On Boards

Governor Robert W. Straub said last week that he is actively seeking names of youth to serve on the some 200 boards and commissions in state government.

"Some boards and commissions seem to be natural for young people," Straub said. "The Arts Commission, the Bicycle Advisory Committee, the Scholarship Commission—

all directly affect young people."

Straub pointed out, however, that other boards and commissions such as the Committee on Field Burning, the Government Ethics Commission, or the Energy Conservation Task Force also affect the lives of young people and could profit from the involvement of interested and knowledgeable youth.

Young people can be interested in processed prunes, creeping red fescue and filberts," Straub added. "The point is that young people have a vast range of interests and abilities. I want those young people to be involved in our state government. I want them to know that Oregon's citizens are willing to be a part of it."

Young people under age 25 may obtain a complete listing of the state boards and commissions by writing the Governor's Commission on Youth, 555 13th Street N.E., Salem, OR 97310.

Application and personal information forms may be obtained from the same office.

New Employer Requirements

This week the Bureau of Labor started requiring some employers, who fail to pay wages, to post a cash or surety bond.

Labor Commissioner Bill Stevenson said that some employers repeatedly fail to pay their employees.

"We must investigate every wage claim that is filed with the Bureau," he said. "In some instances the taxpayers have paid for as many as a dozen investigations against the same firm."

Bob Fogelman of Fogelman's Restaurant, 816 S.W. Fifth, in Portland, was the first employer required to post bond under the new procedure. Since March the Bureau has closed 21 valid claims against Fogelman.

Stevenson expects the bonding requirement to reduce the number of offenders. Under Oregon law the Bureau can seek an injunction requiring an employer to either furnish a bond or cease doing business in Oregon.



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in the Elk River; the port was granted \$9,200 in BOR funds for restroom construction; Western States Plywood Cooperative, Inc., voted to sell its holdings and the News installed new type-setting equipment.

JULY

The annual Jetty Jubilee highlighted activities here in July and Wayne Hodge caught a 68½ pound halibut; Dale Hughes was installed as president of the Rotary Club; Sam Wilson was hired as 2CJ Supt.; Port Orford Sanitation changed hands; the Curry county fair board named a Junior Court; sheriff Allen Boice denied reports that he was retiring; two doctors were added to the local clinic staff; construction began on a 14-unit apartment complex; The Hoyt Litterell and A.D. Van Loo families hosted two Japanese 4-H youth; the port passed an ordinance to regulate berthing; The Western States Plywood sale was completed, with the announcement that there would be no plywood production; the city received notice of approval for a \$214,000 grant to build a new reservoir.

AUGUST

Voters finally passed a school budget and the city asked that water use be curtailed because of an extreme shortage. Congressman Jim Weaver held office hours here; the city received highway funds; the Curry County Fair played to record crowds; Pat James was hired as Pacific football coach; Benj. Franklin Savings and Loan Association announced plans to open a mobile office location here; grading a site for location of the new community building was completed; a Denver youth peddled his way through town on a unicycle while on the way to Los Angeles and back home.

SEPTEMBER

The sheriff's office discovered that the Battle Rock school building had been vandalized and students began fall classes. More than \$2 million worth of Western States Plywood equipment went on the auction block; LCDC promised harbor support; the chamber of commerce began a fund-raising drive for the new community building; the school board agreed to sell the Battle Rock school by bid; the old Centennial Bldg. at the corner of 101 and Jackson was razed to make way for a new business; the Rotary Club sponsored a circus here; the News began a Who's Who Contest; a Brookings fishing boat went on the beach here.

OCTOBER

The chamber of commerce ordered a metal building for use as a community center; discussions began here on the possibility of starting a summer education program modeled after one at Cannon Beach; an early storm beached two fishing boats; Sea Crest Motel was robbed of over \$100 by a youth who fled on foot; ground-breaking ceremonies for the community building were held and items were being collected for inclusion in a time capsule to be placed in the cornerstone of the center; Colonial Days was selected as the Bicentennial theme for the Jetty Jubilee; the city received an \$11,000 grant for park improvements.

NOVEMBER

Dedication of the Mayor Gilbert E. Gable council chambers, with the visit of his son Robert, and family, who donated \$18,000 to complete the chambers, was a happy November headline, while report of a severe windstorm was the opposite. The Corps of Engineers criticized a News story and chamber letter regarding harbor shoaling while promising continued investigation of the problem. John Tomlinson was named to replace Al Resengren as Curry Hospital administrator; Jeff Franks qualified for the national semi-finals in Punt, Pass & Kick competition; the annual Sixes Grange-sponsored Thanksgiving dinner was held with local churches and a community band was formed here.

DECEMBER

Repairs under the boat hoist were started; the Curry Governmental Association was officially voted into being and by-laws were adopted. Local citizens listed harbor shoaling, port improvements and housing as major concerns, while on a county-wide level alcohol, drugs and divorce made the top of the list in a mental health survey. Santa's annual visit to local youngsters was arranged; mayor Leon White announced his candidacy for Curry county commissioner, position No. 2; Bob Sutton was named Worshipful Master of Port Orford lodge No. 170, A.F.&A.M. and president of the chamber of commerce; restroom plans for the port were approved and new berthing fees set; a low bid on the Port Orford-Elk River Highway 101 relocation project was submitted by Ross Bros. Construction, Inc., of Salem in the amount of \$1,998,693.50; and a story from Oregon State University declared that wind power was feasible at Cape Blanco.

New Savings Plan Gets OK

The Senate Finance Committee last week accepted a Packwood amendment to a Finance Committee bill that would allow Oregon National Guardsmen and reservists to have individual retirement accounts.

Senator Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) said that under present law all members of reserve and national guard units are automatically prohibited from having individual retirement plans, although all other persons who do not have retirement plans are eligible. "This is unfair because only a small percent of members of the national guard and reserve units participate for the 20 years required for retirement payments, and a person with 20 years of service might end

up with only \$78 per month in retirement," the Senator said. There are 23,596 Oregon guardsmen and reservists.

The Packwood amendment would apply only to persons who performed less than 180 days of active military service as a member of the National Guard or earned less than 180 points toward retirement (roughly equivalent to one point per day).

Individual retirement accounts were created as a part of the Pension Reform Act of 1974. The individual retirement account provisions permit an employee who is not an active participant in a retirement plan to deduct 15 percent of earned income, up to \$1,500, for contributions to a retirement savings account, and to defer taxation on the income from the account.

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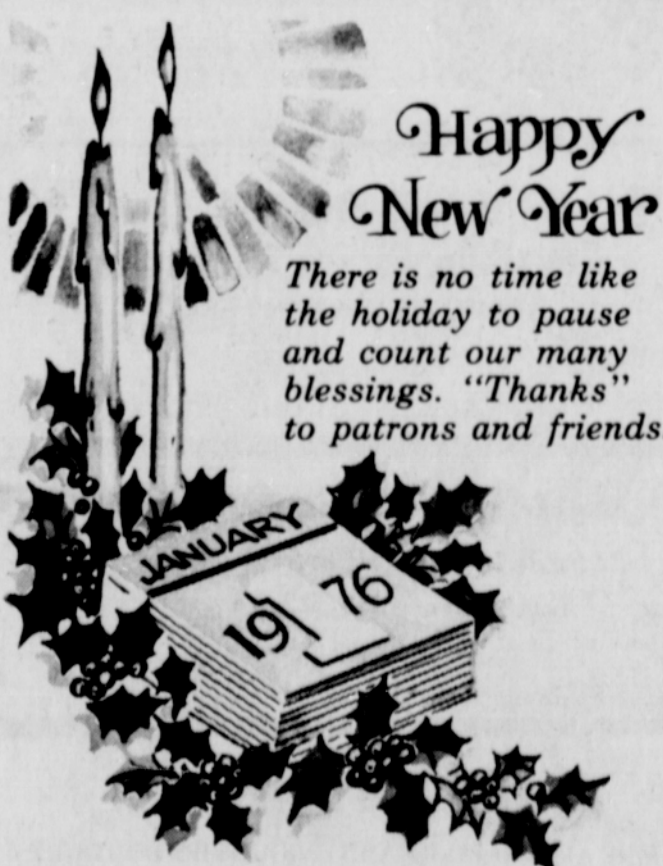
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- 73 Dodge 3/4 ton, AT, PS, 4x4
- 73 Ford 3/4 ton, V8 3
- 73 Chev 1/2 ton, AT, PS, Gem Top
- 71 GMC 3/4 ton AT, PS, 4x4
- 70 Ford Bronco 4x4 Pickup
- 72 Ford Courier Pickup
- 72 Datsun Pickup W/Canopy
- 73 Ford 3/4 ton, AT, PS, 4x4 4x4,
- 73 Ford 3/4 ton, AT, PS, 4x4, Canopy

- 72 Pinto Sedan, Orange/White
- 74 Ford Elite, Loaded
- 74 Chev Nova, AT, PS, V8
- 74 Ford Mustang II, AT
- 73 Dodge Polara 4 door
- 72 Audi 100SL, AT, PS
- 72 Plymouth Cricket, 4cyl, 4spd
- 71 Pinto Sedan
- 71 Toyota Station Wagon
- 70 Ford Mustang, 3 spd Floor Shift
- 70 Chev 4 door, V8, PS, AT
- 70 Chev Caprice 2 door
- 70 Toyota Station Wagon
- 69 Chev 4door, AT, PS
- 69 Dodge Polara Station Wagon
- 67 Toyota Crown Wagon
- 64 Olds 98, Loaded

