

FLASHBACK

Seaman from Redmond travels Panama Canal in 1921

100 years ago

March 10, 1921 — Panama Canal Trip Taken By Redmond Boy in Navy

Stanley Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell of Redmond, who joined the navy several months ago, has just completed a trip through the Panama canal, according to word received by his mother. The trip was given the men of the Mississippi as a special favor from the naval department to those members of the Pacific fleet who had not made the trip through from the Atlantic in 1919.

The following description of the trip is given by the U.S.S. Mississippi "Bulletin," a copy of which has been received by Mrs. Mitchell:

"The railroad journey alone would have been a worthwhile event for it gave many of the men their first glimpse of tropical country beyond the limits of the cities. Gatun Locks, with its partially submerged forest, the naked tree trunks protruding above the surface being white and as devoid of bark or leaves as if they had been steeped in lye, presented a most unusual sight, and one somewhat suggestive of flooded areas after a gigantic flood. Here and there a small pond or an isolated arm of Gatun Lake could have been seen without a single ripple on its surface, thus forming a splendid water mirror. So perfect was the effect that it was practically impossible to determine where the gaunt, bare tree trunks left off and where their reflections began. Banana



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These Redmond union high school girls were candidates for queen of the 1946 Girls Gym frolic. On the bicycle is Cordelia Humphreys. Others, from left to right, are Verna Miller, Barbara Vandevent, Lila Mae Popish, Janice Davis, Patsy Kissler, Joan Galloway and Ardith Reif.

trees, date and coconut palms, as well as many other forms of tropical plant life entirely foreign to most of the travelers gave a most satisfactory view of a near-jungle.

"The destroyers were taken four to a lock, while the battleships and other large craft went through singly. Through lock after lock they went, being raised and lowered in that order with a twenty-mile stretch in between on the surface of a fresh water lake, Lake Gatun, the longest artificial lake in the world, 85 feet above the level of

the sea. Passing through Culebra Cut, with the hillsides rising very abruptly from close to the water's edge, a fairly good realization could be acquired of the colossal task required to keep the (ships afloat.)"

75 years ago

March 14, 1946 — Girls Prepare For Gym Frolic

Athletic event of the year for girls of Redmond union high school will be the "Girls' Gym Frolic," to be held March 22 in the gymnasium. Mrs. Nellie

Nooe, girls' physical education instructor, will be director.

Highlight of the frolic will be popular election of a sports queen, candidates being Verna Miller, Barbara Vandevent, Cordelia Humphreys, Lila Mae Popish, Janice Davis, Patsy Kissler, Joan Galloway and Ardith Reif.

The evening will open with the grand entry of all participants, followed by choice of the frolic queen. A class relay meet, square and round dances, exhibition basketball game, number by the R.U.H.S. drill team

and a tumbling exhibition by the gym classes will make up the program. The school band, directed by William Tweedie, will play for the exhibition and will give selections during the interludes.

Election of the frolic ruler will be by applause from the crowd.

50 years ago

March 10, 1971 — All Sports Night pits alumni against faculty

A basketball game between RHS faculty members and Redmond alumni will be a feature of the third annual All-Sports Night, to be held Thursday night in the new high school gym.

The program is annual arranged and presented to raise funds for athletic support activities, formerly by Panther Pas, this year by an informal group of Panther boosters. Proceeds will be used in support of baseball, track and cross-country activities through the rest of the school year, according to Bob Eberhard, spokesman for the group.

25 years ago

March 13, 1996 — Middle school schedules cut PE time

Across the nation the warning cry is heard — Americans are overweight and out of shape.

Last fall, to address low physical fitness scores at the high school, the district's board of directors approved adding one half credit of physical education to graduation requirements.

But at the middle school level, PE teachers struggle to give students consistent physical activity. With block scheduling, health classes, holidays and other days off, many middle school students are getting only nine days of PE time every six weeks.

The middle schools have adopted a system called block scheduling, where students have longer classes, or blocks of time, to spend on their subjects. However, the class meets only every other day.

In physical education, block scheduling means students have 70-minute instead of 50-minute classes. Once time for dressing down and showering is subtracted, they end up with 50 minutes of exercise every other day instead of 30 minutes every day. The total is the same, about 150 minutes of physical education a week.

But when vacation, conference, curriculum and work days are removed from the schedule, students often end up missing large chunks of physical education time, teachers say.

And this year, for the first time, health is being taught during PE. Hugh Hartman Principal Sandra Kilander defending moving the subject from other academic areas and into the physical education field.

"I don't think I can justify taking health time out of any other program," she said. "Teaching health and good physical fitness go hand in hand."

But Ken Marshall, a PE teacher at Hugh Hartman, said, "It's difficult to get much of anything done."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Preserve Jesse Hill School as a library

This is a letter to support the views of William Groesz concerning the use of Jesse Hill School.

My husband and I just moved to Redmond in October, because of COVID-19, it has been very difficult to meet new people and have social gatherings. We have, however, been able to use the library and appreciate that it is open for service.

I was born and raised in Redmond. I love the fact that the city has reconditioned my old high school for City Hall, and Jesse Hill for the li-

brary. I love those buildings and they do complement each other.

I don't pretend to know exactly what it takes to operate a county library, but Redmond's always seems adequate, comfortable, warm and friendly. Of course, I'm prejudiced, but I love walking in and remembering where my third- and fourth-grade classes were, where the music/P.E. room was and where the playground was. Those were wonderful years.

In my humble opinion, it would be extremely sad to demolish that part of Redmond's history. Save Jessie Hill School!

— Vanda (Winegar) Recek, Redmond

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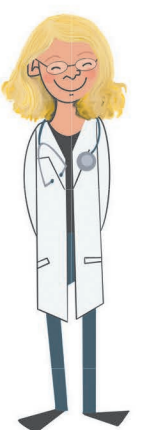
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