

FLASHBACK

Redmond Fire Department grows through the years

100 years ago

April 21, 1921 — Department Abandons Regular Fire Drills

Decision to abandon regular fire drill of the full volunteer department, substituting drill to be called at least once a month by the lieutenants in charge of the different squads, was reached at a meeting Tuesday night.

A.H. Tift was asked to get prices on fire alarm sirens after it had been pointed out that many members of the department lived at such a distance from the present fire bell that they could not hear its alarm.

75 years ago

April 25, 1946 — Truck Hits Post, Strikes Jackpot On City Lights

A semi truck hit a city lamp post in Redmond between 6 and 7 o'clock Tuesday morning and got the jackpot—all 60 ornamental lamp posts on the street went out and will remain out for some time to come, until the city can acquire a new regulator from the factory. The one in use collapsed from the strain when the damaged lamp post caused a short in the entire system.

The city must also buy 60 new light bulbs for the 60 posts, not to mention a \$20 globe for the one hit by the truck, which was driven by William Breththauer of Eugene. Breththauer left his name at the bus depot and also reported the accident, indicating his willingness to pay for the damage. At the time, however, extent of the damage from the accident had not been determined.

During recent months, careless motorists have damaged the city's ornamental lamp posts on several occasions, necessitating replacement. Mayor Maurice F. Roberts urges use of greater precaution on the part of drivers.

Just recently all bulbs were replaced



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With 20 years of log hauling behind them, these two '50 Kenworth diesels can look forward to the rush and wait that goes with being water tankers for the fire department. George Wakefield, second from right, donated the two trucks, part of his original three-truck fleet, to the Redmond Rural Fire District, represented by chief Hoy Fultz and directors Duffy Knorr and Clyde Penhollow.

at a cost of \$1.05 each, and now another new set must be bought. Globes are \$20 each, in addition to the costs of installation and repair of the posts.

50 years ago

April 21, 1971 — Fire fighting capability enhanced by donated trucks, volunteer efforts

Fighting fires in rural areas with only 2000 gallons of water is no fun—in fact it's downright dangerous.

And that was the situation until last week when two former log trucks went into operation as Redmond Rural Fire District tankers, each carrying 4000 gallons, and with a 5000 gallon trailer in the mill. That will make a 15,000 gallon total.

The trucks were donated last fall by George Wakefield, who estimates that the 1950 model Kenworth diesels traveled some 2 million miles since they

joined his log and lumber hauling operation over 20 years ago.

"They're the best trucks I ever had," declared Wakefield fondly, as he pointed out a weld in the frame. "It got fixed in Baker."

And it was thanks to that donation that the fire department was able to gain, with an additional \$5000 made available through the rural board, two tankers that would have cost some \$20,000 if purchased new.

But that was only the beginning. Soon Assistant Fire Chief Spike Durfee and rural board member Duffy Knorr were enroute to Portland to find tanks. And when they bought two aluminum petroleum tanks, Trans Western Express agreed to haul them to Redmond.

With the arrival of the new year, Redmond firemen launched a social season not soon to be forgotten—a series of sanding parties that removed the yellow paint and a string of me-

chanics get-togethers that made possible the mounting of the tanks. Trans Western again had stepped forward to make its shop available for the mechanical alterations, supervised by Lyle Calvert, auto shop superintendent, and Clyde Penhollow, terminal manager.

After a visit to the shop of Jordan's International, where the trucks were painted by Brad Carroll, the trucks emerged last week in fire department white.

"Next project will be installation of extensive manifold systems at an estimated \$750 per unit, to enable the department to pump 30,000 gallons of water per hour.

Then, the rural district may be able to retain its Class 8 rating from Oregon Fire Insurance Rating Bureau—the highest possible rating in a rural area. The bureau had threatened last fall to drop the ratings from 8 to 9B in residential and from 9A to 9B in industrial if action was not taken within a year.

Redmond firemen estimate that by maintaining the Class 8, the owner of a \$20,000 home in the rural district would save some \$50 to \$75. The rural resident elsewhere in Central Oregon would benefit through mutual aid agreements with neighboring departments. For the first time, the department will have a real capability for fighting fires and aircraft crashes at Roberts Field.

And for the donor of the trucks, whose long association with the Sisters Fire Department began as its first chief, there is a shiny new badge. Wakefield was voted an honorary member of the Redmond Fire Department.

25 years ago

April 24, 1996 — Firefighters cope with cramped quarters, hope for expansion

Each night the firefighters on duty

at the Redmond fire hall climb into bunks spaced two feet apart and try to get some rest.

But it's no slumber party. The 20-year-old station on NW Dogwood Avenue was built with two resident firefighters in mind. Today, four paid staffers and occasionally a volunteer or two inhabit the cramped quarters.

There is no privacy, especially not when training sessions or public meetings are held in the commons area adjacent to the kitchen and dining area.

"If there's a class in here, we have nowhere to go. We're trapped," said Capt. Tim Moor of the C shift, one of three that rotates 24 hours on, 48 hours off.

"We're busting at the seams," Moor said.

Firefighter/paramedic Steve Pengra agreed: "If you have a really busy shift and want to unwind with a book, there's no place to just get away."

Also, the building's design did not anticipate the need for co-ed facilities, so the department has had to make some adjustments for its first female crew member, hired last fall. Everyone was issued gym shorts and T-shirts to wear to bed and they must take turns using the sole bathroom with a shower.

"When I'm in the bathroom it ties up the entire bathroom," said Cathy Smith, a firefighter paramedic. "It's more of an inconvenience to the guys."

The guys are quick to point out that growth and an inadequate facility, not the hiring of the first female firefighter, are the real problems.

In short, the department has outgrown the station they say. However, no one's asking for a new one. Instead, they want to expand with new meeting rooms and offices on the west end, freeing up the east end to be renovated for larger, more private living quarters.

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Juniper Canyon Investment LLC, 701 NW Spruce Ave, Juniper Canyon Living Bldg A-1 Future East Parcel Of 7th Street, \$1,750,000

BasX Properties LLC, 3500 SW 21st Pl, 14,423 sq office addition to an existing manufacturing building, \$3,500,000

Redmond Free Methodist Church, 1475 SW 35th St., show and restroom addition in existing storage closet for homeless shelter at Mountain View Fellowship Church, \$25,000

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Residential new construction, single family

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COBC Holdings LLC, 4384 SW Badger Creek Dr., \$281,147

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Ave., \$258,574

COBC Holdings LLC, 4195 SW 44th St., \$297,533

JD Neel Construction Inc, 3713 SW 44th St., \$339,912

Palmer FH LLC, 3671 SW 43rd St., \$398,320

Palmer FH LLC, 3728 SW 44th St., \$319,909

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Megan Park LLC, 748 NW 27th St., \$284,984

COBC Holdings LLC, 4331 SW Coyote Ave., \$323,246

Hayden Homes LLC, 3865 SW Metolius Ave., \$296,552

Hayden Homes LLC, 3887 SW Metolius Ave., \$240,822

COBC Holdings LLC, 4420 SW Badger Creek Dr., \$323,246

Dry Canyon NW LLC, 2932 NW 23rd St., \$294,240

Dry Canyon NW LLC, 2878 NW 23rd St., \$265,491

1720 Ne 4th St., \$234,302

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4951 SW Zenith Ave., \$320,705

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4891 SW Zenith Ave., \$259,500

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1777 Ne 5th St., \$206,037

4973 SW Zenith Ave., \$272,147

969 NW Teak Ct., \$300,071

945 NW Teak Ct., \$219,196

1765 Ne 5th St., \$207,999

Encore Cinder Butte LLC, 957 NW Teak Ct., \$309,399

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