

FLASHBACK SULPHUR COSTS, JOBLESS CLAIMS AND CLINE FALLS CAMPING

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May 5, 1921 — Farm Bureau's Buys Declared to Be Unfair

Figures on sulphur costs from the office of Mrs. B.H. McMickle of the Redmond Lumber and Produce company, were given a committee of Bend and Redmond business men not to insinuate any graft in the office of the county agent, but simply to prove a contention that sulphur advertised by the farm bureau to be sold at cost for \$60, did not cost that amount of money.

Mrs. McMickle gave this statement to the Spokesman Tuesday morning after the activity of some business firms in the matter had been construed to be an attempt to prove graft, and a committee from the farm bureau, appointed to determine at once if there was any basis for such a charge, had brought in a report showing Jamison's records in the sulphur shipments to be clear in every detail.

The fact that sulphur did not cost \$60 per ton, although advertised as selling at a cost price, was cited, Mrs. McMickle said, to show an instance of the unfairness of cooperative buying through the county agent, insofar as local merchants are concerned.

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May 9, 1946 — State Unemployed Use Up Benefits

About 18,000 of Oregon's un-

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imum 1946 benefits, at least 15,000 will draw their last check this month, 5,000 in June, 4,000 in July and probably 5000 more by the first of October, the commission estimates.

The study, which did not extend to out-of-state claimants or to those drawing readjustment allowances under the GI bill of rights, also showed about 37 per cent of all groups were women. Of the Portland war workers, over five per cent were colored, while among others in the metropolitan area only 2.5 per cent were of other races.

About 69 per cent of the male claimants are past 45 years of age, while among war workers the proportion runs still higher. Scouts Select Permanent

Site Near Cline Falls

Redmond's Boy Scouts have selected a permanent camp site, the spot chosen being near the Cline Falls pumping station on the Deschutes river west of Red-

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mond, says Scoutmaster Gordon Stromberg

The site will be improved and will be available at all times to the Scouts for day hikes or overnight trips.

Troop 26 is planning an extensive camping season this summer. Ernest M. Wilson, who has been appointed camping and activities chairman for the district, will assist the Scouts in arranging the trips.

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May 5, 1971 — Personnel ordinance initiated by city

For the first time, effective May 27, the City of Redmond will have a personnel ordinance of a position classification and compensation plan, adoption of employee rules and regulations, and specification of employee benefits.

The ordinance, adopted at last week's meeting of City Council, will be supplemented by detailed rules and regulations, including the establishment of the classification plan, according to City Administrator Ed English.

Anti-nepotism provisions specify that when another

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equally qualified person is available, no spouse, child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister or spouses of above relatives will be hired, except by waiver of the city administrator.

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May 8, 1996 — Fairgrounds move up for September vote Supporters of a \$25.3 million bond issue to construct a new fairgrounds facility face a big selling job.

Last week the Deschutes County Commission approved placement of the county-wide bond issue on the Sept. 17 mail-in ballot.

The cost to taxpayers is estimated at \$22 a year for the owner of a \$100,000 home. The figure could be lower, however, if the Deschutes County Fair Association decides to make the bond issue run for 30 years, instead of 20.

Plans call for construction of a 9,000-seat outdoor amphitheater, rodeo arena and livestock complex with 3,000-seat indoor

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LEFT: Cars driven by Redmond High School students Miranda Snyder (front) and Kristy Fanelli (behind, right) motor around the PGE Electron Run course in 1996 in the RHS parking lot. High school students built their battery powered cars to compete in a series of statewide competitions. The car making the most laps in an hour won. Snyder finished seventh and Fanelli 12th. Spokesman file photo

arena, an RV park and 2,900 parking spaces on a 90-acre site south of Redmond Airport.

The facility would replace the current 33-acre fairgrounds near downtown Redmond. Costs to move the fairgrounds are estimated at \$28 million, with sale of the current property to a large retailer making up the \$2.7 million difference.

Fred Meyer Stores has shown an interest in the property, but no deal has been signed.

In addition to the facilities proposed for construction with funds from the bond measure, additional facilities, such as a race track, convention center and ice rink, could be built by private investors.

The new facility would allow Central Oregon to play host to major shows and conventions that are now turned away for lack of seating, fair officials say.

In addition, the Deschutes County Fair could increase the number of exhibits and attractions, and provide plenty of parking for exhibitors and fair visitors. With the added space, the fair could become the state's largest county fair, officials have said.

Redmond **Police** warn of scam calls

The Redmond Police Department issued a press release warning of a scam involving a person claiming to be Redmond Police Department Captain Devin Lewis calling about a "confidential legal matter."

According to the press release, the number shown on the caller ID is the RPD fax line phone number, 541-504-3490 and when leaving a voicemail, the person on the scam call has left their number as 541-348-3843, which is not a number associated with the police department.

RPD advises not to call the person back. Any person who has received such a call is advised to make a report to RPD through non-emergency dispatch, 541-693-6911 or file an online report at redmondoregon.gov/reportacrime.





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employed probably will have exhausted their 1946 benefit rights by the end of May, according to results of a special study just completed by the State Unemployed Compensation commission.

Nearly five-sixths of those claimants live in the metropolitan area, declared Chairman T. Morris Dunne, in making public the figures, and 70 per cent working in the shipyards last year. In the Portland district 80 per cent had principal earnings in war industries.

Out of about 58,000 Oregon residents who have valid claims against unemployment commission this year, nearly half are drawing checks each week. In addition to the 2,500 who have already reached their max-

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