

## FLASHBACK

## Excursions; freight teams; 2020 'predictions'

## 100 years ago

## June 16, 1921 — Homeseekers To Come In July Is Announced

J.W. Shingler, secretary of the Redmond Commercial club, was in Bend Tuesday, attending a meeting of club secretaries and real estate men, called for the purpose of arranging the itinerary for the homeseekers' excursion coming from the middle west and due in Central Oregon about July 26.

The first stop in Oregon will be made in Ontario and then in other towns of Eastern Oregon. Leaving the main line at The Dalles and coming by train to Madras, the excursionists will be met by autos and escorted to Prineville where lunch will be served. Autos from Redmond and Bend will meet the party there and show as much of the farming sections of Deschutes county as possible during the afternoon.

The night will be spent in Bend and next morning the party will go on to Portland, making the entire trip by auto. From that city, the excursion will be continued down the Willamette valley to Medford and then to Crater lake. An effort is being made to have the party return to Bend to take the train, but so far nothing definite has been arranged for.

This is the first of a number of similar excursions schedule and will number between one hundred and one hundred and fifty farmers. It is not expected that any real estate transfers will be made during the present tour, but it is more to show these prospective settlers the opportunities Oregon offers and they will go back home and tell their neighbors.

## 75 years ago

## June 20, 1946 — Pioneer of 1910 Back in Redmond

W.H. Hobbs of Springfield, who lived in Redmond from 1910 until 1930, was here this week visiting his many friends and noting the growth of the town. Hobbs now has a grocery store on the McKenzie highway at Springfield.

Hobbs had the first bakery in Redmond, ran a general merchandise store and owned the laundry, which he sold to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sawyer. He recalled Tuesday that when he wanted flour for his bread in the small bakery he opened he had to go to Prineville or Madras for wheat. During the first winter of 1910, when there was no railroad to Redmond, supplies were shipped to Shaniko and hauled on to Redmond by freight teams. It took three months that winter to bring the supplies from Shaniko to Redmond, as the road was blocked by snow.

"I used to get 15 cents for a pound loaf of bread, 50 cents for a three-layer cake and 40 cents for a pie," Hobbs said.

## 50 years ago

## June 16, 1971 — Chief discloses plans for police reserve unit

Citing the rapid increase in the work load on a static police



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**Police Chief Speed Durgan told Rotarians in 1971 of the increasing need of and plans for a Redmond police reserve unit, a group of at least six volunteer men interested in police work who could be trained to assist the regular force of officers.**

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— The Spokesman, June 19, 1996

force as the motivation. Police Chief Speed Durgan told Rotarians Thursday of the city's plans to form a volunteer police reserve unit to assist local officers in handling the work load in times of unusual activity or emergency.

Quoting statistics, Durgan said that in 1969 his department handled 375 traffic situations and 127 others ranging from intoxication arrests to burglary investigations. In 1970 the numbers grew to 425 traffic investigations and 170 other, plus a load of 115 juvenile situations. Already in 1971, with the year not half gone, the department has tabbed 270 traffic, 89 miscellaneous and 64 juvenile situations in which they have been involved.

The recently passed budget had itemized funds to enable the department to pay for uniforms and training of a reserve force of six men. Training would be done by members of the regular force, and uniforms would be the same as the regular officers wear. The volunteers would be trained principally in the handling of crowds during such events as parades, fairs, athletic activities, and also would be available for emergencies to assure two men in each patrol car when needed, and to work as vacation replacements when sufficiently trained.

So far this year, Durgan said, Redmond police have answered 4,500 telephone calls, investigated 26 accidents,

locked 62 windows and doors and issued 1800 written or verbal warnings.

Details of the department's plan and requirements are under study.

## 25 years ago

## June 19, 1996 — Visionaries ponder the city in 2020

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In the center of town, where the fairgrounds used to be, would be a park plaza. City hall, the post office and a major retailer would share it with a large park.

These visions are just a few that dreamers came up with Tuesday in a Community Vision 2020 Committee to update Redmond's Comprehensive Plan. The 25-member committee has met for three months and will continue to do so until July 1997.

The workshop added thoughts from more than 50 "stakeholders" and interested citizens around Redmond.

Some themes, such as incorporating variety into development, were consistent. Automobile landscaping — neighborhoods dominated by on-street parking and garages lining the street — should be a thing of the past, many said.

Returning to an older theme of front porches and back alleys met with support.

The idea of mixed use, where some businesses are allowed in residential areas, also found favor. Bend is experimenting with the mixed-use concept in its Old Mill riverfront development.

The vision of an east-side bypass, built and operating, was a given to workshop participants. But the group also floated some new ideas, such as creating a system development program to help pay for new schools.

An issue drawing considerable interest is what to do with the fairgrounds site if and when the fair moves near the airport.

Despite the fair association's need to partially fund the move by selling the property, workshop participants spoke strongly in favor of looking at the "best" long-term use of the choice real estate.

"This is a once-in-three-lifetimes opportunity to do something with 30 acres in the middle of the city," said Max Mills, a member of the Vision 2020 Committee. "The decision shouldn't be driven by dollar value."

Next the committee will take the ideas generated at the workshop, "get into the nitty-gritty," and do reality checks, according to planner Leslee Bangs.

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## PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Dean, an affectionate young mixed breed dog. Dean is 1-2 years old and though he likes to look sad in photos, he has been a happy "puppy-like dude" at the shelter. Dean is the last of his transport group from a very full shelter in Texas. He has a goofy spirit and is ready to find a family. He can be timid but he is very sweet. Dean is learning lots of new things at the shelter but would benefit from some basic training in his future home. For more info, call BrightSide Animal Center at 541-923-0882.



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