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Shig Yamaki is ‘Orchardist of the Year’ in 1975

1915 — 100 years ago

If present plans to do not miscarry, Oregon will in a short time be listed among the important sugar-producing states of the Union. While Eastern Oregon has been more or less active in the raising of sugar beets for a number of years, it is only recently that the movement has extended to the Willamette Valley and the counties in the south end of the state. Approximately 5,000 acres have been signed up within the past few days in the vicinity of Medford and Grants Pass.

It is estimated that half of this would be sufficient to build and equip a modern high school building of sufficient capacity to take care of all present needs and future requirements for several years.

Husband’s Night at the Women’s Club Wednesday of last week was the gala occasion of the year. Mrs. C.C. Crew, ably assisted by Mrs. R.B. Perigo, Mrs. F.S. Smith, Mrs. Joe Meyer, Mrs. E.O. Blanchar and Mrs. P.L. Manser did themselves and the club honor by putting on such a successful meeting. A banquet was served at the

public works administration to authorize a loan of \$1,221,000 for the construction of an aerial cableway and cable railway in the Mount Hood district. Lessard said the project previously was investigated by the Cascade Development Company and federal agencies and was found to be feasible. “I am of the opinion that this project would be self-liquidating and would go far toward developing Oregon’s outstanding playground,” Lessard continued.

A tuberculin test, being sponsored by Hood River doctors and the County Heath Association, will be given at 10 o’clock on Tuesday morning, Feb. 12, to all students who have their parents’ consent. These tests are made possible through the sales of Christmas seals.

1945 — 70 years ago

Hood River post office at the past year showed a big increase in business over the year 1943, according to Postmaster Wm. Small. Total receipts during the year 1944 were \$48,788.21, as compared with \$39,236.45 in 1943, or an increase of 24.3 percent in favor of 1944. Since Jan. 1, 1945, 50,000 3-cent stamps have been sold at the Hood River post office, while 5,000 6-cent stamps have been sold in the same period.

Members of the local Civil Air Patrol are now being introduced to the intricacies of the International Morse code. Several practice buzzer sets have been made by members of the organization and a portion of each meeting is spent translating code. Two educational films on aircraft identification and infantry drill were also shown at the last meeting.

1955 — 60 years ago

Authorization to apply for a civil defense disaster truck was made by the city council during a special meeting Monday night. Civil defense director, Rupert Gillmouthe, said that the type of truck applied for by the city was used for search and rescue work. Three teams of Alpine members are designated to carry on this type of work in a civil defense emergency.

Brisbane Appliance Center is the name which replaces Oregon Equipment Company effective Jan. 28, owner Ken Brisbane announces this week. The appliance store, located at 416 Oak Street, has been managed by Brisbane during the past four years. He purchased the remainder stock in the local store Jan. 28 after being part-owner for two years. Brisbane Appliance Center sells Frigidaire appliances and is equipped with a service department.

1965 — 50 years ago

The fire came to the fire station in an early-morning blaze here Wednesday. George Godel, Parkdale, drove his 1964-model car from the Y-Inn to the fire station when he discovered about 4:40 a.m. that a seat was on fire. A general alarm siren brought volunteers to the station, and they had to pull the seat from the car to put out the fire.

Continued emphasis on the lumber and fruit industry, on new industry, and on the improvement of the local business climate are among the major goals of the Hood



FEBRUARY 1, 1995: Practice Burn — Hood River Fire Department volunteers practice firefighting techniques on buildings at the Sunset Cottages, located on West Cascade Avenue. The Sunday morning practice heled clear the way for a new 14-unit motel planned by owners Lee and Norma Curtis. Bids for the project are due this month, which construction expected this spring.

River County Chamber of Commerce for 1965. The group’s board of directors, under leadership of president R.B. Leavens and vice-president Chuck Filbin, set forth the final program of objectives and goals for the year at Monday’s meeting.

1975 — 40 years ago

Shig Yamaki, who was born in Oak Grove but is now a Pine Grove fruit grower, is “Orchardist of the Year” for 1974. Tops citizens of the year for Hood River County were honored at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner Tuesday night at Hood River Valley High School. Other winners are Mildred Kuhl, community cumulative service award; Gertrude Porterfeld, teacher of the year; Joanne Wittenberg, woman of the year; Lee Brittenham, Jaycee’s Distinguished Service Award; Brad Thomas, businessman of the year; and Paul Sanstrum, first citizen of the year.

A localized snow storm, stretching from Troutdale to the John Day River; resulted in a rash of mostly minor road mishaps, and cancelled area schools Wednesday. Highway crews were kept busy trying to cover area roads with plowing and sanding equipment, but early morning traffic came hard on the heels of the snow and many highways were turned into glass-slick surfaces before crews could reach them.

1985 — 30 years ago

Short-term parking meters in downtown Hood River are history — if city councilors approve a special parking committee recommendation, that is. The city’s parking committee suggested Friday to permanently remove the meters. The decision was based on results from a six-month trial period which ends next week. City Admin-

istrator Pete Harris said that the removal of the short term meters had resulted in “a very significant reduction in complaints” from downtown parkers. The catch is that it will cost the city an estimated \$13,200 annually.

The highest award the Oregon Horticultural Society bestows on one person in the field came home to Hood River with Dick Duckwall last week. For a year, he’ll be custodian of the coveted Hartman Cup, awarded each year to the outstanding person in horticulture.

1995 — 20 years ago

The picture of Hood River’s cable television future because a little clearer Monday following a lengthy City Council session, but it still needs fine tuning. City Council approved its latest draft ordinance granting a cable television franchise to Falcon Cable. It’s not a typical agreement — it calls for system upgrades that will take Hood River into the 21st century.

Downtown Hood River is open for business, despite the \$8 million Second Street Overpass remodeling project that began last month. That was the message of 10 area merchants attending a Wednesday session with representatives of project contractor Weaver Construction and the Oregon Department of Transportation. “Everybody was lead to believe it was horrible, but it’s not nearly as bad as everyone though it would be,” said Sherry Bohn of Riverview Deli.

2005 — 10 years ago

Chief petitioners of a measure to stop fluoride from being added to the city water supply have gathered enough signatures to bring the issue before voters in May. Last week, members of the Hood River Drinking Water Protection political action committee turned in more than 700 signatures to Jean Hadley, city recorder, for verification. To qualify the issue for the ballot, they needed endorsement from 517 of the city’s 3,452 registered voters.

Wal-Mart’s plans for a super center in Hood River were shot down last week by the state’s highest court. Oregon Supreme Court Justice Wallace Carson, Jr., refuse to hear the case on Jan. 25. That news was expected by Will Carey, land use attorney for the Hood River County Commission. He had predicted in mid-October that the appeal would likely not be heard.

— *Compiled by Trisha Walker, news staff writer*

VERBATIM

President Reagan
telephones reply

**Mt. Hood News
by SUE FAULKENDER**

Real news in Mt. Hood. Yes, believe it or not. Are old Hood River’s problems too small to draw the attention of the president of the United States? Nope, guess who called Margaret Dolan? Yep, President Reagan himself.

Margaret had written to the president to tell him how fed up she was with the amount of money taken out of her paycheck every week. You can imagine how shocked she was when a

call came from Washington, D.C., and the president came on the line. He agreed with her that we are in need of tax reform, but didn’t come up with any immediate solution.

Margaret did feel better, though. She told me that she thinks every one of us should have the chance to talk to the president. So, Margaret, that has to prove to each one of us that if we have something to say, say it! Maybe someone, somewhere will hear us.

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