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City Council grants permission for construction of swimming pool in 1915

1915 — 100 years ago

At the meeting of the City Council Monday night a committee was named to represent the city in the matter of establishing a city swimming pool. The Council committee, which has been given power to act, granted a permit to build the proposed concrete swimming pool on the city park grounds at the corner of 13th and May streets. It is proposed to construct a pool 30 by 75 feet in size. In order to do this work, the committee proposed to ask for public contributions.

On Friday evening, April 9, the new Parkdale orchestra makes its bow to the public by giving a dance at McIsaac's Hall. The boys should receive encouragement by a good attendance as their musical ability is known to all and it marks a step in the progress of any community to have an orchestra of its own.

1925 — 90 years ago

The local sheriff's office is at a loss to know what to do with five very small boys of Oak Grove who were

picked up at the Oak Grove store last week when the officers had hidden themselves in the store to arrest burglars. The officers had received information that the store might be robbed and several entered the building and hid themselves after dark. Sometime afterwards, they heard a noise and identified it as a window being opened.

Giving the burglars time to enter, the officers suddenly switched on the lights and there, blinking and terribly scared, stood five tiny boys. They confessed they had entered the store to take candy. There have been a number of petty thefts from the store recently, and it is believed that the detection of these boys may act as a check to others who are believed to be involved.

1935 — 80 years ago

With chill gone from the air during the daytime, it is conceded that the long-delayed spring has arrived in Hood River Valley and present indications are that pears and cherry trees in the lower valley will be in bloom well before the end of



APRIL 10, 1975: Looking over plans for a new Hood River Valley Christian Church addition are some of the men who are key figures in bringing it about. From left are Percy Jensen, building chairman; Lorn Magnusen, church board chairman; Dave Burkhart, finance chairman; and Pastor Sam Anderson.

this month, with apple blossom time early in May. Already growers are applying the dormant spray to apple trees in the lower valley. If blossom prospects mean anything, there should be an excellent crop of cherries, pears and apples this year.

Far from losing interest in the Townsend plan of old-age pensions, or feeling at all discouraged over the situation in Congress regarding this proposed recovery measure, citizens of Parkdale on Monday evening organized a Townsend Club of their own. Under the leadership of W.M. Richards, some 65 persons signed the membership roll and it is expected that within the next two weeks there will be at least 200 members in the Upper Valley. The striking feature of the meeting was that the great majority of those present were considerably under the age of 60 years.

1945 — 70 years ago

"President Roosevelt is dead," was the flash which came yesterday afternoon as the News went to press. A few minutes later came the report that Franklin Delano Roosevelt, four times president of the United States had died in his sleep at Warm Springs, Georgia, probably as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Marion Lavane Ellsworth, Radioman 1-c, US Navy, of Hood River, is a member of the crew of the USS Hayter, one of four destroyer escorts which, in mid-Atlantic recently, trailed and destroyed a German submarine, it has been announced by Admiral Jonas Ingram, Commander-in-Chief, US Atlantic Fleet. He is married to the former Mabel Lorene Kretz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kretz. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Bayne, reside on Route 2, Hood River.

1955 — 60 years ago

Thomas Witty, Cascade Locks principal, recently was elected president of the Oregon Education association county groups. Each county is represented with an OEA organization and Witty is president-elect of the Hood River County group. He also will head a state-wide workshop for all OEA county presidents and vice-presidents during June in Portland.

Swimmers who may challenge the wintery chill for a quick dip in the city swimming pool will find an extra retainer on the fence, the city council decided Monday. A 4 1/2 year old boy was found inside the wire enclosure Saturday inspecting the water, reports Police Chief Larry Gramse.

1965 — 50 years ago

An Editorial — Now that the school building committee has virtually completed its work, it is high time to look back to see if the recommendation meets the promises that preceded the county consolation. The recommendation is to put a plan for developing a four-year high school at Wy'east to a vote first, and if that fails, to call a vote on a new three-year high school plan. A case can be well documented that if the school board follows this plan, it would be breaking faith with the voters. Through all the pre-consolidation campaign, every indication promised the county's goal was to convert Hood River and Wy'east to junior high schools, and to build a new senior high school.

Highway 35 is serving as a link between Pine Grove and Hood River this week for the first time since December. Maintenance crews have patched the Whiskey Creek slide area about a mile from Hood River, where a huge section of highway slid out in December floods.

1975 — 40 years ago

Workmen were already putting corner marks and digging trenches when William Bright turned the first shovel of earth to mark the start of construction on a new Port industrial building here Tuesday. Bright is president of Western Power Products, builder of the plant. The plant will house a company that manufactures equipment for the electric utilities industry and is located on land leased from the Port of Hood River north of the city's new sewage treatment plant.

"April (snow) showers bring May flowers." The insert has to be included for 1975 considering upper valley weather, which still included snow notations as April began. Weather observation showed it snowed and melted all day Thursday last week in the upper valley, and while at measurement time there was only a half-inch accumulation, the total had been much more.

1985 — 30 years ago

Discussions between Mt. Hood Meadows and Mt. Bachelor, Inc., concerning the potential purchase of the Meadows by Bachelor have arrived at an abrupt end this week. In a news release from Mt. Bachelor dated April 3, it was announced that "no negotiations will take place regarding the purchase of Mt. Hood Meadows due to irreconcilable issues." An offer

was never made, according to Clay Simon, vice president and general partner in Mt. Hood Meadows Development Corporation.

Stage an Easter egg hunt and watch the youngsters dash to the scene with baskets in hand and smiles glaring. That's what the Hood River Inn did Sunday afternoon and the hunt even attracted the one and only Easter bunny. Dozens of kids ages 1-11 got in on the hunt for hundreds of eggs. One young hunter received a huge chocolate bunny for finding the most eggs.

1995 — 20 years ago

City of Hood River will move forward to find a new home for its police department while, at the same time, consider possibly developing a justice center with Hood River County. That recommendation was given by five city counselors attending Monday's work session. It gives city Budget Officer Steve Everroad authority to develop costs for rumination by budget committee members. The existing police site is located in Hood River County's Courthouse, and a bond measure would likely be required to build a justice center.

A 30-unit assisting living facility in Hood River, awaiting final city approval in the form of a building permit, would fill a gap in local care for senior citizens. The application was made by Churchill/Ruff Development, which would do the construction. Assisted Living Concepts Inc. would purchase it from them. The facility, with an estimated cost of over \$1 million, would be on the north side of May Avenue directly across from 25th and just east of the old Luhr Jensen building.

2005 — 10 years ago

After one of the latest openings in recent memory, two shutdowns and 68 days of skiing over exposed rocks and around protruding sticks, convincing depths of snow has finally come to Mt. Hood Meadows and so now are the skiers. Mt. Hood Meadows has received 25 inches of new snow since March 27 and the National Weather Service is predicting more snow through Sunday night.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs sent a full contingent of officials to honor U.S. Rep. Greg Walden at a special luncheon on Friday in Cascade Locks. That visit came three days before the tribal council voted to authorize the signing of a newly negotiated gambling compact with the state of Oregon.

— Compiled by Trisha Walker, news staff writer

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Proposed 'Union High' Is Defeated

While the projected formation of a union high school district, embodying seven districts of the lower valley, lost by the narrow margin of four districts to three, the actual standing of the individual votes gave the project a majority of 16 in favor. Until late on Friday night, the verdict was in the balance, until it was definitely ascertained that the small district of Viento, which polled but nine votes, had favored the negative, with the result that the proposed union high school district had been definitely put to sleep for the present.

To the man or woman who did not enter into the heat of the contest, the outcome did not occasion any surprise, for outside of the small groups comprising the "ayes" and "noes," there was little ambition for the project — or for any project which necessitates a bond issue. The fact is that, until the orchard business is attended by less of the downs and more of the ups than in

recent years, it is not going to be easy to secure a workable majority for any project which necessitates a bond issue, especially in the rural districts.

The four districts which returned a negative verdict were: Pine Grove 126-66, Frankton, 43-26, Viento 7-2 and Barrett 83-62. For the union high school district were: Hood River, 256-176, Oak Grove 61-12, Wyeth 13-3.

It is conceded that the problem now reverts back to the board of directors of School District No. 3, which will still have to contend with an ever-increasing number of students to the city high school and lack of accommodation. While there is some talk of excluding the students from certain districts, it is believed that some other means of meeting the situation will be evolved during the time that must elapse before the union high school project is again presented to the voters.

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