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First-ever use of airplanes to spray orchards in 1925

1915 — 100 years ago

Fred Burre, a young German who has been employed by T.D. Calkins on the state road for the past several months, was arrested Sunday by Sheriff Johnson and charged with lunacy. The young man made several attempts to kill himself. It has said that his mind had become unbalanced as a result of an infatuation for a young woman.

1925 — 90 years ago

The Punch Bowl Service Station and Confectionery is now open in anticipation of a busy season on the Lost Lake Road. This station last season secured a fair share of business and proved to fill a public need.

One of the most important experiments ever attempted came to a successful conclusion on Friday of last week, when 60 acres of the well-known Oregon Apple Company orchard near Monroe, Ore., were sprayed with dust of arsenate of lead and sulphur by two airplanes piloted by Lieutenants Oakley Kelly and Miller; the exact time to perfectly cover all trees in the 60 acre tract being 34 seconds. This was the first attempt ever made to dust spray an apple orchard by airplane, but all of the experts present declared that the "coverage" of the trees was perfect.

1935 — 80 years ago

Two Hood River Army fliers, Lieuts. Leonard Thomsen and Arlen McCarty, this week expressed the opinion that one of the most urgent local needs is a better landing field for airplanes. "Somebody is going to get killed when trying to land at the field on the Heights," said McCarty, and this view was maintained by Thomsen. Many efforts have been made to secure a safe landing field for Hood River, but all have failed. Someday, it is hoped, ways and means for building a real landing field on the river will be devised.



JUNE 8, 1945: Three students from Hood River are in the 1945 graduating class at the Oregon State College Commencement, to be held June 10. They are: Top, Winifred Mayr Tucker, home economics, and Roberta Waugh, business and industry. A photograph of Marguerite Clark Ordway, home economics, is not available.

1945 — 70 years ago

For the 40th year, Commencement exercises of Hood River high school were held at the auditorium on Wednesday evening of this week, before a large attendance of parents and friends. While the list of graduates contains 69 names, some who are already in the armed forces were unable to be present.

Now that the summer is with us, residents of town



JUNE 4, 2005: Georgiana Smith Park and the Hood River Library grounds are being transformed by crews from Hood River County public works and Mount Hood Gardens, as patios, stone walls, walkways and other work proceed. Marion McNew of Mount Hood Gardens, above, talks with employee Jose Marquez on the new circular patio on the State Street side.

and valley who can appreciate outdoor sports in the cool of the evening may find just what they want in the extensive schedule for the first half of the 1945 Softball Season, which has been arranged by the Hood River Softball Association.

1955 — 60 years ago

Oregon Lumber Company paid the highest price in the history of Hood River County for 7 million, 300 thousand board feet of Douglas fir stumpage during a sale of federal timber at Parkdale on Tuesday, the Forest Service reports. The company paid \$51.50 per thousand board feet for the fir, located in the Lake branch drainage Sunshine rock area.

Three hundred pounds of potatoes were taken from Don's Market in Parkdale sometime Tuesday night and then used to break out windows in the Mount Hood Cash store, the sheriff's office reports. "Parents who may find spuds in their cars should report it to the sheriff's office," Sheriff Rupert Gillmouthe said Wednesday.

1965 — 50 years ago

Additional qualifiers for Junior Olympics state competition were announced Wednesday morning by Jim Mallon, director of the Mid-Columbia district Junior Olympics meet. Earlier, state officials had told Mallon that second place finishers would not qualify. However, on Wednesday, he was told that second placers who bettered the state standard set up by the AAU did qualify for state competition.

There are 126 names listed on the Wy'east graduation program for the class of 1965 — largest in the school's history. Last year there were just over 90 graduates. Last previous record size class had 122 students.

1975 — 40 years ago

Theft of \$10,000 in food stamps from the Odell post office last month had failed to turn up concrete results this week, but Sheriff Bob Lynch said there have been new developments in the continuing investigation. He said they have located boxes used as containers to carry the stamps. The boxes had been discarded on Summit Road, which lies west of the scene where Mrs. Melvin Dunn, a clerk at the post office, was held up on May 16.

Diane Chambers, whose name has frequently been in the news during her high

school years, earned headlines again at graduation ceremonies last Thursday. She was introduced as one of 10 regional winners in the Outstanding Teenagers of America program in the United States. Previously she had been recognized as the Oregon winner in the judging, and her credentials were examined along with those of other young people in the western states.

1985 — 30 years ago

More than 140 seniors will don caps and gowns here Thursday, June 6, to pass a landmark in their lives towards "New Beginnings." That's the theme chosen by the Hood River Valley High School Class of 1985 for commencement, which starts at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

A gala weekend celebration, Sternwheeler Days, will welcome the Columbia Gorge sternwheeler back to its home base at Cascade Locks June 14 through 16. Cascade Locks and Stevenson, Wash., are co-sponsoring this second annual festival to herald the vessel's return from its winter quarters at Portland.

1995 — 20 years ago

No houseboats at the Hook! That is the one firm directive the Waterfront Advisory Committee voted Monday night to send to consultants. The vote was 6-2, with Eric Cederstam and Dave

Burkhard voting against the motion. Kathleen Nichols drew applause from an audience of about 50 and from committee members with her objection to seeing Nichols Boat Works designed out of the consultants' long-term plan. Citing lease renewal options until 2056, she said Nichols Boat Works has no intention of relocating.

Hood River can be a model community where young and old alike feel safe. It can have a positive environment for those who live here and those who visit. That's the goal outlined by new Hood River City Manager Lynn Guenther. It's something he hopes to make progress on in the next year, he told City Council Monday.

2005 — 10 years ago

Hood River County citizens were called to exhibit patriotism that was devoid of "indifference, casualness, and cynicism" at Monday's Memorial Day observance.

Phil Jensen, owner of Luhr-Jensen and Sons, announced Friday that his company will merge with Finnish company Rapala/VMC, of Helsinki, a move he said will enhance the finishing equipment manufacturer's global distribution abilities. The merger does not affect Luhr Jensen's smoker manufacturing operation in Oak Grove.

— *Compiled by Abby Walker during HRVHS' Community Work Day for the News*

VERBATIM

Memorial Services Draw Big Crowds

None of our patriotic citizens would be justified in criticizing local interest in Memorial Day, judging from the big crowd which attended not only the parade downtown, but the ceremonies at the Cemetery. The parade was larger than it had been in previous years, and the martial music of the K.P. Band was augmented by the stirring strains put forth by the Drum and Bugle Corps. While the parade was marching through town, the Women's Auxiliary conducted the Water Service on Hood River bridge, the ceremony end-

ing with the casting of flowers upon the waters. Seldom in the past has there been such a large attendance as at the Cemetery, where the ritualistic ceremonies were conducted over the graves of veterans, and many were the floral tributes deposited on the graves in memory of those who have dropped from the ranks of those who fought for their country.

Dr. H.D.W. Pineo was the marshal of the day, and Traffic Officer Morrison controlled traffic at the Cemetery.

— *Hood River News, June 5, 1925*

PET OF THE WEEK

'Mr. Adorable' Pepi looking for home

This week volunteers at Adopt A Dog have selected Pepi as the program's adoptable pet of the week:

Just call him "Mr. Adorable!" Pepi is 8 pounds, all Pomeranian, and he's pure delight!

We were told he's about 7 years old, but his teeth were mighty horrid, so we can't know for sure. But now that we've had those icky teeth pulled, and cleaned and shined, Pepi is a happy, peppy fella full of curiosity and joy. He's a perfect lap dog, but also a great walking buddy! He proudly prances



Pepi

along on a leashed walk, and keeps up just fine — even on long walks, which is saying something 'cuz those little

legs of his are short!

And he loves other dogs and likes to join in the chase, even if it means he's the last in line! Pepi is plain old sweet and precious and would love a home where cuddles are plenty! He promises to make you smile every day!

Pepi is current on shots, microchipped, neutered and has a clean, fresh smile!! The adoption fee for Pepi is \$180. The fee to adopt is charged to recoup standard veterinary expenses. Since many of our dogs are in foster, please call ahead to meet Pepi in Odell at the Hukari Animal Shel-

ter, 3910 Heron Drive, or call for more information at 541-354-1083. Adoption hours are Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, 9-11 a.m.

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