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YESTERYEARS

Amos Benson predicts 'bumper tourist crop' in 1915

1915 — 100 years ago

In a letter of thanks written to the local Commercial Club this week, Amos S. Benson, son of S. Benson, predicts that Hood River will shortly forget all about apples in the face of a bumper tourist crop. "I predict great prosperity for the Hood River Valley and am positive that if you take off your coats and get good highways built, not only up and down the river but in your valley, you will soon be reaping such tourist crops that you will forget about your apples."

1925 — 90 years ago

The American Fruit Growers Inc. were last week awarded the contract to sell the entire crop of the Mosier district. It is reported that Mosier expects a normal crop this year. The fruit is sizing rapidly and from all indications, the Mosier crop will be exceptionally clean and of good quality.

Three local men, E.R. Hollbrook, M. Triplett and E.N. Montgomery, have purchased the Emry Planing Mill on Fifth Street and will have the mill in operation by Tuesday of next week. The new organization is to be known as Hood River Manufacturing Co.

1935 — 80 years ago

Apparently many citizens of Hood River have forgotten, or are unaware of the fact, that there is a city ordinance forbidding the parking of cars closer than two blocks from the scene of a fire. Complaints from the fire department that spectators have been hampering their work and disregarding the ordinance have prompted this reminder.

Serious damage to orchards adjoining the Co- ing and apple thinning.

cided to issue special per- Lamberts and other vari- ing you to take part in "one mits providing a double eties is expected to start in quota of slaughtering beef to R.E. Samuel, Cecil Hickey, Bickford & Sons and McIsaac's store, all of whom hold slaughtering permits. It is expected that, as a result, meat will be available, at least during the season when many hundreds of outside workers are engaged in cherry pick-



JULY 17, 1975: Cash for equipment at Hood River Hospital is given to hospital administrator Don Kelter, right, by Nick Bielemeier, representing the local March of Dimes organization. The check for \$1,315 was part of a continuing program of the MOD to help the hospital upgrade its equipment.

lumbia River Highway at Mosier is now disclosed and on the south and southwest side of apple trees the fruit will be a total loss. So severe was the sunscald of last weekend that fruit is pulpy over more than half its diameter and at this time presents appearance of having been partially baked.

1945 — 70 years ago

Efforts of Mayor Joe Meyer and Manger R.E. Steele, of the chamber of commerce, to bring relief in the serious meat shortage which has too long prevailed in this county were rewarded with some success when, on Wednesday, it

1955 — 60 years ago

Wy'east Booster Club subscribed \$100 to the Hood River Memorial Hospital building campaign, reports Steve Eby. This amount was obtained from the sale of tickets to volunteer workers at the hospital campaign to attend the carnival at Wy'east. The booster cub sponsored a show and amusements for a fund to erect an electric scoreboard for the athletic field at Wy'east.

A break in the weather is expected to give valley cherry growers an even chance to save part of their crop starting next week. Early Bings have been seriously was stated that OPA had de- affected but packing of

earnest next week.

JULY 15, 1965: He's just accepted the Hood River school superintendent job, and already Arnold Bow-

ers is familiarizing himself with the county's building plans. Here Bowers, left, goes over a sheaf of

school plans with Joe Tobin, elementary supervisor. The new superintendent comes from Benton City,

Wash., where he was the top administrator of Kiona-Benton City Schools. In Hood River County he re-

1965 — 50 years ago

places Dr. Milt Baum, who moves to a position with the State Department of Education.

A picking start for the pear crop has been pinned down to a date, Aug. 16. That was the day set for beginning harvest at the Mid-Columbia Experiment Station. From then on, ranchers will gradually begin their harvests as the fruit matures. Several Parkdale ranchers will start picking around the end of the month.

Two young men from Portland wandered around Mt. Hood 22 hours, caused the start of a major rescue operation, and then finally walked out to Cloud Cap Inn late Sunday night. Sheriff R.L. Gillmouthe said the rescue machinery started can attest. working about 7:30 p.m. when Harold Wells called in. Wells had been watching slipped a long distance.

1975 — 40 years ago

An anti-burglary program launched in cooperation with city and county police agencies resulted in a positive first anniversary report to city councilmen from Acting Police Chief Dick Kelly. His report came at a regular council session where members also reviewed construction in the city, progress on some legal action involving the city, and a review of a fire prevention program.

Fickle spring and early summer weather have played a major role in altering predictions on crop yields and quality this year in the Hood River Valley, causing a reassessment of prospects. Estimates in May pegged the Anjou pear crop a large one, but that was before June, when nature thins winter pears. On Wednesday, local representatives were heading to a meeting with a new set of figures. In some spots, particularly in cold pockets — Dee, Trout Creek Ridge and near Middle Mountain the new estimate will be set friendship," said a surat half a million boxes lower than the May predic-

1985 — 30 years ago

tion of 2,602,000.

Next fall, when you see tire man Les Schwab invit- Walker, news staff writer

of our biggest sales ever,' that sign in the background will be the one above his Hood River store. It took a solid 12 hours of filming to get the job done. Schwab, by virtue of his many commercials over the years, is one of the most readily recognized personalities in this state.

The came. They sailed. They purchased. That was the finding of an informal (and incomplete) survey of Hood River businesses conducted this week by the Hood River News as a follow-up to the Pro Am Speed Slalom sailboarding event. The Pro Am brought a number of out-of-town visitors to the area, as anyone seeking a parking place on Oak Street during the past week

1995 — 20 years ago

Commuters east of Hood the two climbers when one River will need to be alert this Monday — a traffic control change is coming to one of the area's busiest intersections. The point where Highway 35 meets the Historic Columbia River Highway, or Highway 30, will have a new stop sign for Highway 35's northbound traffic. It creates a four-way stop intersection.

2005 — 10 years ago

The City of Cascade Locks has geared up for future growth by amending its community development code to permit common wall row houses. City Council recently approved construction of zero side yard dwelling units to maximize available land within the limit Urban Growth Boundary.

United Way honored one of the youngest volunteers in the community as its 2005 Volunteer of the Year. Emily Bounds, a 2005 graduate of Hood River Valley High School, has been a mentor with the Hood River County Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program for the past 18 months, meeting each week with a fourth grader named Kyle. "It's a true prised Bounds after she accepted the honor at United Way's annual recognition event July 7 at Hospice of the Gorge.

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VERBATIM

Elks To Get Truck Load Of Real Snow

The Elks got a big thrill out of a truckload of real Mount Hood snow which was sent over the highway on Wednesday evening and was expected to be on hand in time for a real snowball contest yester-

Following a request from Portland, the local Chamber of Commerce, Guides and the Legion sent a three ton truck over the Cooper's Spur lateral and loaded it with snow. In the evening the truck was on its way to Portland. It will be accompanied in the parade by Veteran Guide Wygandt and a number of Hood River Guides in costume, and it is planned to volley snowballs into the big crowds on the street and give them what will be a wel-

come "cooler." One of the features of the big parade will be the appearance of the newly-formed Hood River marching team of Elks, who will be led in the parade by a gigantic stork, a work of art perpetrated by Geo. W. Thomson. This will signify the extreme youth of the local lodge.

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