

OUT OF THE VAULT
McNary Dam troubled by determined beaver

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were scratching their heads in the spring of 1957 after a beaver, just doing what comes naturally, attempted to plug up the dam's navigation locks. Joe the Beaver became a celebrity with his attempts to shore up the "leaky" side of the hydroelectric dam near Umatilla on the Columbia River. But lock attendants foiled the resolute rodent's activities with a series of hydraulic tests in the locks that destroyed his work and, after the Inland Navigation Company's tug "Chief" cleared the downstream lock with its barge tow on April 15, 1957, Joe threw in the towel and followed the tug downstream in search of a more amenable abode. A rather dejected beaver returned to McNary Dam

on April 25 and resumed residence in his little pool, seemingly tolerant of the trickles that escaped past the guard wall as the navigation locks were put through their paces. With the spillway gates closed and the full force of the river routed through the power turbines, Joe was able to bask in the sun and contemplate another attempt at building his dream pond. But impending spring runoff and the possibility of opening of the spillway gates had Corps employees keeping a weather eye on Joe for any resurgence in lock-blocking activity.

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DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 15-16, 1917

The entire force of the Domestic laundry accompanied John Joerger, their fellow employee, to the depot during the noon hour today to bid him farewell on his departure for the naval training station at San Francisco. Led by two flag bearers, they paraded down Court and Main street to the depot.

50 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 15-16, 1967

An access problem faced by wheat farmers along Interstate 80 North was solved Friday when the State Highway Department and the federal Bureau of Public Roads agreed to place full interchanges at both Rew Elevator and the Yoakum crossing. Umatilla County Judge D.R. (Sam) Cook said in a phone call from Portland that resistance to area demands for better access suddenly melted. "This meets all our needs," said Russ McKennon, assistant general manager of Pendleton Grain Growers.

Previously an interchange had been slated at the Yoakum crossing but none at Rew Elevator. It meant a minimum of five miles additional travel for each truckload of grain to and from the elevator, which serves a large number of farmers west of Pendleton.

25 Years Ago From the East Oregonian April 15-16, 1992

Convicted murderer Stanley Bernson should soon be back behind bars in the Umatilla County jail — his home for three years from 1986 to 1989. Bernson, 55, still stands accused in the murder of Sharon Weber, a Umatilla teenager who disappeared 14 years ago. Bernson currently is serving a life sentence at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla for the 1979 murder of a Richland, Wash., woman. Authorities suspect Bernson — who claims among other things to have been big game hunter and a chum of Ted Bundy, a serial killer executed for the murder of a Florida girl — in the deaths of as many as 30 Northwest women.

ODDS & ENDS

Boy, 8, craves burger, drives dad's van to McDonald's

EAST PALESTINE, Ohio (AP) — A craving for a McDonald's cheeseburger apparently prompted an 8-year-old Ohio boy to take his 4-year-old sister for a ride in his dad's van, which he learned to drive on the internet.

East Palestine police Officer Jacob Koehler tells WJW-TV in Cleveland the father went to bed Sunday and the mother fell asleep on the couch with the kids. Koehler says witnesses saw the boy driving and called police in the city, about 90 miles southeast of Cleveland. He says the boy drove about a mile to the restaurant, through intersections and over railroad tracks, without mishap. Witnesses say the boy appeared to obey traffic laws. Koehler says the boy told him he learned to drive by watching YouTube videos. No charges have been filed.

the 2-cent check from the U.S. Treasury Department a couple of days ago and has been carrying it around and showing friends ever since. He's not sure why he got the check and doesn't plan on asking. The 79-year-old Air Force veteran and Lynn Water and Sewer Commission retiree had already received his income tax refund and his monthly pension. He's not going to cash the check. He has already visited a store to have a custom frame made. The cost? More than \$82.

Teen's quest for nuggets gets huge Twitter support

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A teen's Twitter stunt to win a year of free chicken nuggets from Wendy's might become the platform's most retweeted post of all time. Carter Wilkinson asked the fast food chain on Twitter last week how many retweets it would take for him to get free nuggets for a year. Wendy's replied, "18 million." The 16-year-old from Nevada took up the challenge, writing: "Consider it done."

Wilkinson's screenshot of the exchange has since been retweeted nearly 2.5 million times and is getting closer to the all-time retweet mark of nearly 3.3 million, held by Ellen DeGeneres' viral tweet from the 2014 Oscars.

Man gets 2-cent check from government

LYNN, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts man has a ready answer when asked for his two cents' worth: He presents a check he got from the government. Bruce Rideout, of Lynn, tells The Daily Item he got

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