

OUT OF THE VAULT

Stubble fire threatens Pendleton

A roaring fire of suspicious origin swept through wheat stubble north of Pendleton in August 1941, scorching a wide swath but causing little damage.

The fire started in the middle of a field on the Meeker farm at about 7:45 p.m. Aug. 21, 1941. The first flames were so far from the road fire crews thought it next to impossible the fire could have started accidentally. A United Airlines flight coming in for a landing at the Pendleton airport was asked to circle the fire and report on its size by Pendleton Fire Chief Blackie Batchelor.

By 9 p.m. the fire was burning fiercely, but a light breeze fanned the flames away from Pendleton’s North Hill water reservoir and homes in the area. The flames burned up to the fence surrounding the Civil Aeronautics Authority’s radio towers, but a fire guard kept the buildings and towers safe.

As the fire spread, eating into stubble on the neighboring Jones estate, flames were leaping several yards into the air and lighting up the entire countryside. Hundreds of Pendleton residents drove to the scene to watch the blaze, which lasted throughout the night and burned a third of Jones’ acreage. The fire, which eventually consumed 1,000 acres of stubble, was put out the following day and did little damage.

A more destructive fire was started earlier the same day by children playing with matches in a woodshed behind the home of George Bradley on Southwest Eighth Street. Flames were beginning to spread to the roof of Bradley’s home when the fire department showed up and knocked it down. Losses were minimal: books, furniture and keepsakes stored in the shed, and minor water damage to the house.

Chief Batchelor warned parents to talk to their children about playing with matches, since often children’s clothing catches fire — sometimes with fatal results.

DEAR ABBY

Friend lends her wedding dress but isn’t invited to wedding

Dear Abby: My co-worker and supposed friend asked if she could borrow my wedding dress because she thought it was so beautiful. I was thrilled to lend it to her and paid for the alterations (\$200 plus) as her wedding present. I accompanied her to her fittings and helped her plan her wedding for approximately 100 friends and family.

The kicker: My husband and I were not invited to the wedding, and when she returned my gown, it had lipstick on it and cake down the front. It wasn’t even in a bag — she just handed it to me. What should I think about this? — **Flabbergasted In Florida**

Dear Flabbergasted: You should conclude that your co-worker and “friend” is someone with no class whatsoever. Have the dress cleaned and packaged so it can be properly stored if you intend to keep it, and give HER the bill. Then distance yourself far enough from this person that if she asks for any more favors, you can comfortably say no.



JEANNE PHILLIPS
Advice

Dear Abby: I have been in a relationship with my girlfriend, who lives in her native Germany, for almost two years. We met online thanks to a mutual online friend of mine and school friend of hers.

My girlfriend struggles with her body image, and I’m not sure how to help other than call her beautiful often. She’s thin and looks fine by “American standards,” as she puts it, but for a German she is larger than most, which is why she thinks she’s fat and ugly, despite the fact that she’s slim and pretty. What would you suggest I do in order to help her improve her body image? — **Supportive In New Hampshire**

Dear Supportive: Other than continuing to reassure her that in your eyes she’s beautiful, there isn’t much you can do long-distance. However, there is plenty SHE can do. She should discuss her fixation with a doctor who can explain what a healthy weight should be for someone her height and build. If her problem is all in her

head, it’s possible she needs counseling for body dysmorphia, a disorder in which people of normal weight are convinced they are heavy. It’s not uncommon.

Dear Abby: I am going through a rough divorce. I’ll spare you the details, but suffice it to say, I had to get an order of protection against my soon-to-be ex.

I originally intended to keep my husband’s last name because we have a child together and I want my last name to be the same as my child’s. The thing is, Abby, I’m so disgusted with his behavior that the thought of keeping his last name makes me sick to my stomach. What should I do? — **Single Soon In Ohio**

Dear Single Soon: Many parents have different names than their children. If keeping your almost-ex-husband’s last name makes you sick to your stomach now, in a few years you may have a major case of indigestion. Change your name when the divorce is final because the longer you wait to do it, the more complicated it may become.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 11-12, 1918

A letter received today by Mrs. M.R. Chessman from her brother Sgt. Hugh Leasure, mentioned last week as being seriously wounded in action in France, states it was a mistake that he had been wounded, however, he was suffering from quite a heavy dose of gas. He got the gas in the big German offensive of July 15 and 16, and says he does not think the shell has yet been made that is to get him after passing through the bombardment he did on those days. The letter tells of his lying in a ditch 18 inches in depth for 11 hours, during which time 6 and 8 inch shells were falling all around him, and not receiving so much as a scratch from the shells. One of the shells damaged his gas mask badly, which accounted for him being one of the casualties.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 11-12, 1968

A Hermiston girl, Linda Parrish, who has been participating in 4-H Club programs eight years, walked away with an array of awards in the Saturday night awards pro-

gram the county fair. Linda, a high school student, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Parrish. The girl’s top 4-H award was grand champion all-around showmanship. She won the grand championship swine showmanship award, although this was her first year with swine at the fair. She won the novice senior championship in dog obedience. This was her first year in the competition. Other awards Linda received were: modeling, blue ribbon; construction of garment, blue ribbon; bread, blue ribbon; bread baking, blue ribbon and opportunity to compete in the State Fair.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Aug. 11-12, 1993

The former Helen McCune Junior High School moved one step closer to demolition Wednesday, putting City Hall and the library that much closer to a brand new home. With a near unanimous vote, the Pendleton Facilities Committee recommended Wednesday that the old school be leveled, making room for construction of a 20,000-square-foot, two-story city hall/library complex. Ultimately, the issue likely will rest in the hands of Pendleton taxpayers, who could be asked to pass a bond levy amounting to just over \$3.5 million.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

On August 11, 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman nominated General Omar N. Bradley to become the first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Viet Minh.

In 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, New York.

In 1964, the Beatles movie “A Hard Day’s Night” had its U.S. premiere in New York.

In 1975, the United States vetoed the proposed admission of North and South Vietnam to the United Nations, following the Security Council’s refusal to consider South Korea’s



AP Photo

The Beatles, George Harrison, Ringo Starr, Paul McCartney and John Lennon, have their hair combed by stylists on the set of their first movie production, “A Hard Day’s Night.”

application.

In 1984, at the Los Angeles Olympics, American runner Mary Decker fell after colliding with South African-born British competi-

tor Zola Budd in the 3,000-meter final; Budd finished seventh.

In 2014, Academy Award-winning actor and comedian Robin Williams, 63, died in Tiburon, California, a suicide.

Today’s Birthdays: Magazine columnist Marilyn Vos Savant is 72. Country singer John Conlee is 72. Computer scientist and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak is 68. Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 65. Singer Joe Jackson is 64. Actor-host Joe Rogan is 51. Actress Anna Gunn is 50. Actor Chris Hemsworth is 35. Rock musician Heath Fogg (Alabama Shakes) is 34.

Thought for Today: “Keep your dreams, for in them lies joy denied to men grown wise.” — *Edgar A. Guest, American author, journalist and poet (1881-1959).*

WORD★Roundup™

by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

Six words ending with URE

Five five-letter country capitals

Three dairy products

Two words with OO in the middle

Warm, crispy bread

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: MATURE FIGURE NATURE SURE CURE PURE / TUNIS CAIRO SEOUL KABUL QUITO / BUTTER CREAM MILK / BOOK GOOD / TOAST

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 self-obsession (10)

2 merry (6)

3 boldly original (10)

4 long, eventful journey (7)

5 doomed liner of 1912 (7)

6 difficult, and then some (9)

7 relating to battle (7)

SOLUTIONS

TI SM HE SSEY NARC

ET TAN ISSI IAL AN

PROM HER IC JOV ODY

LE IAL MART CU AN

Today's Answers: 1. NARCISSISM 2. JOVIAL 3. PROMETHEAN 4. ODYSSEY 5. TITANIC 6. HERCULEAN 7. MARTIAL 8/12

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ODDS & ENDS

Pot, gun, cash found in smelly car during driving test

GLEN BURNIE, Md. — A 22-year-old man who went for his driver’s test left in handcuffs after the examiner became suspicious about a certain odor emanating from the car.

News outlets report the examiner alerted a trooper at the Motor Vehicle Administration office, who searched the car. A Maryland State Police report says the search found nearly a pound of marijuana, a scale, more than \$15,000 in cash and a handgun loaded with a 30-round magazine.

Reginald D. Wooding Jr. of Baltimore did not get his driver’s license on Monday, but he did get arrested on multiple counts. It’s unclear whether he has a lawyer.

School demolition crews unearth 124-year-old time capsule

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass. (AP) — Construction crews tearing down a former middle school in Massachusetts have found a 124-year-old time capsule.

The *Daily Item* reports crews found the time capsule under one of the front steps of the former Swampscott Middle School.

The capsule is dated April 28, 1894, the day the school was dedicated. It contains two newspapers, remnants of military uniforms from the Civil War, a war medal and names of locals who served in the war.

Planning Board Chairwoman Angela Ippolito says they were aware the time capsule existed but weren’t sure where it was located. She says the discovery was “quite a thrill.”

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