

Record Chieftain finds new home

100 YEARS AGO
Jan. 20, 1916

• The old Ackley residence, situated on the Olsen farm south of Lostine, was burned to the ground Monday, the cause being from a defective flue. The place was occupied by S. H. Bernheisel and family who had moved there only last fall. Mr. Bernheisel was at Lostine with a load of wood when the fire broke out, leaving the wife and four children at home. Mrs. Bernheisel was severely burned on the arms and about the neck in a vain endeavor to save her effects. The extreme cold of the last two weeks has made fire a constant danger in every house.

• Feeling that some improvement could be made in the behavior of patrons of dances in Enterprise, the city council took the matter under discussion Tuesday evening. Certain dances were considered objectionable and an ordinance forbidding them was proposed. The idea was to find some way to stop “ragging”, “back-stepping” and kindred performances. For the future it is proposed in some way to place the city behind the regulations. Any person then who persists in dancing in a manner held objectionable will have more than the manager of the hall to face.

• One or more dogs on Elk Mountain have been acting in a manner calculated to inspire the fear they may have had rabies. A puppy belonging to S.P. Weaver developed symptoms several weeks ago. The animal bit into a bar of soap, which Mrs. Weaver used later. She had a scratch on her hand through which she feared infection might have been transmitted and she has had the case watched carefully by physicians.

• This issue of the Record Chieftain is the first printed in the new home of the paper. The removal from the old quarters was accomplished



Chieftain archive
Names, date and location unknown. Sign reads: “Grand Prize for 4pm Drawing.”

without damage to any of the machinery or equipment and without great loss of time. Patrons of the paper are all invited to call and inspect the new quarters, where they will find a warm welcome, in every sense.

70 YEARS AGO
Jan. 24, 1946

• Total war and victory bond sales from the outbreak of the war to December 31, 1945, in Wallowa county amounted to \$3,430,240. Sales of E bonds to individuals totaled \$2,173,943 or around \$300 per capita. Wallowa county exceeded its quota in every bond drive and in every Red Cross and War relief drive, except that in the last War fund drive the county is still about \$600 short.

• John Segedi, one of three members of a safe-cracking gang arrested last week in Portland, was on parole from a 20 year sentence for safe-cracking in Wallowa county in 1937. He was convicted here of robbing the safe at the Snyder Lumber Co. Ira Snyder, who had been robbed before and had read up on detective methods for trapping criminals, had planted one of the old, large-size five-dollar bills in his safe. When the robbery was discovered, the banks in this vicinity were notified to be on the lookout for the bill and the following day it was turned in at a La Grande bank.

• Announcement: Dance – Saturday nite, January 26 at Minam. Earl Hansen & his orchestra. Admission is 60 cents including tax.



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OUT OF THE PAST
Compiled by Cheryl Jenkins

50 YEARS AGO
Jan. 20, 1966

• Wallowa’s 1966 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Diane Engledorf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Engledorf. She scored highest in a written knowledge and attitude examination taken by nine senior girls at Wallowa High School and is now eligible to compete for the state and national scholarship awards.

• Playing at the Vista Theater: the Beatles in “Help”.

• All interested parents are urged to attend the meeting of the Joseph Parent Teachers’ Association Thursday evening at the Joseph High School library. Mrs. Merle (Aleene) Alford will give the

speech which won her first place in district and sectional contests sponsored by the Toastmistress club and second in a sectional contest held at Calgary, Canada. Mrs. Alford teaches the first grade in Joseph elementary. She and her husband, Merle, who farms, are the parents of three children: Gary, who is in the Air Force; Marietta, a student at Eastern Oregon College; and John, a freshman at Joseph High School.

25 YEARS AGO
Jan. 24, 1991

• The Enterprise City Council received word at its January 14 meeting that a study by the Oregon Highway Division determined that a traffic signal at the intersection of River and Greenwood streets is not warranted because there is not a traffic flow of 600 vehicles per hour over a four-hour period. At the beginning of the meet-

ing mayor Larry Christman and councilors Susan Roberts, Gary Anderson and Pat McGinnis were administered the oath of office for their new terms.

• A National Thespian Troupe has been chartered at Joseph High School, with six members initiated in a short ceremony January 16. Initiated were: Rebecca Miller, Leigh Latta, Tonya Carper, Leah Salmon, Jenni Blanchet and Joe Nelson.

• Photo caption: Delbert Pratt goes after a bid during the Enterprise Lions club annual banquet Thursday at Vali’s Alpine Delicatessen. The Lions raised over \$450 for the organization’s sight and hearing foundation.

Last week’s photo
Donna Smith contacted us to say she believes the woman in last week’s Out of the Past photo is Kathy Wolfe of Wallowa and that it was taken in the late 1960s.

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