

Ladders too short to reach roof fire

OUT OF THE PAST

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100 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 22, 1917

Flora town was quite suddenly called from supper table visits at 6 o'clock last Thursday evening, when telephones gave the call that large ladders were wanted, as the G.C. Clarke store was afire on the roof near the chimney. But ladders long enough to reach the roof could not be found and within an hour after the fire was first discovered the walls had fallen in.

Two trappers from the canyons in the eastern part of the county brought to the courthouse on Tuesday the largest haul of skins seen this season. They had 44 pelts, 36 coyotes, 5 bobcats, 2 minks and 1 raccoon. Bounties were paid on the coyotes and bobcats.

The annual report of the Enterprise public library reflects the growth of the institution, and shows its needs even greater than its present equipment. It is probable that the board will ask the people of the community to supplement the income received from taxes and help the library add many new books. It should be easy to add 500 books to the library this year and to repair or replace all volumes that are worn.

Notice: After March 1 all barber shops in Enterprise will close at 7:30 except on Saturdays when they will close at 10 p.m.

70 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 20, 1947

A.B. Stockdale and Alfred Zollman have recently added to their fur farm in Joseph the rarest of all fur-bearing animals in the world – 19 pairs of the rare South American chinchillas. The animals will arrive by moving van next Sunday.

The Joseph library board had a business meeting Tuesday afternoon. The new board consists of



National Library Week poster contest - year unknown. Anyone recognize these students?

Mrs. Daisy Rumble, Mrs. Luther Thornbrugh, Mrs. Guy Mitchell and Mrs. Bert Marks. Treasury report shows a balance of \$39.13 which will be used to buy children's books.

Prairie Creek news: At a special school meeting of district No. 22 held at the Liberty Grange hall, it was voted 23 to 16 to build a new school house to replace the one destroyed by fire in July.

Mrs. Emma Dishman, production chairman of the Red Cross, has 50 baby sleeping garments cut out and ready to be made up, and would appreciate it very much if the ladies would get some of these articles to make up.

Members of the fire department have installed red blinker lights on their cars and it is hoped these lights will aid them in responding to fires more quickly. The department would appreciate it very much, when an alarm is sounded, if the public would wait a few minutes before driving to a fire, thus giving

the truck an opportunity to get to the scene of the fire as soon as possible.

50 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 23, 1967

A survey of low income families in Wallowa County is currently underway to gather info which might provide a basis for participation in various federal programs designed to help people in this class. For the purpose of this survey, every family with an annual income below \$3,000 is considered low-income.

T/Sgt. Fred D. Tippet of Lostine was recently decorated for heroism in ceremonies at Kirkland AFB, New Mexico. The airman's medal is the highest decoration that can be awarded outside of direct combat.

Excavation work got underway at the site of the lagoons which will be built to process the sewage from the Joseph sewer system. Four lagoons will be built about a mile north of Joseph.

Highway 82 has taken on an entirely different look at Wade Point, between Enterprise and Lostine, during the past 2 months. Highway crews have widened the roadway at this point and removed the rocky bluff which used to jut out into the narrow passageway.

Three Wallowa County high school football players have been selected to play in the annual East-West Shrine Game in August. Picked for the East team were Butch Winters and Tom Frazier of Wallowa, and Dan Courtney of Enterprise. Scott McCrae and Jim Collins of Wallowa were picked as alternates.

25 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 20, 1992

After 38 years under the same ownership, the Wallowa Cleaners has changed hands. New owners are Pat and Lori Stein.

While other communities in the state have reported significant job

losses in the lumber and wood products industry in the past year, Wallowa County has been remarkably stable with 420 workers employed in that wage/salary sector.

Mark Haines, EHS, and Leah Salmon, JSH, were recently named as local winners of the Elks Most Valuable Student scholarships and went on to win first place at the district level in Pendleton.

Wallowa Cougars boys closed out their Old Oregon League basketball season with a 59-54 road victory over Adrian. With the win the Cougars were league champs and a top seed at this week's District 4-1A Tournament.

Six Wallowa County students were recognized last week as winners of a bookmark design contest conducted in Union, Baker and Wallowa counties. Winners of the county contest are Kristin Burns, Tio Simmons, Corey Kissinger, Rachel Matthews, Wes Neal and Glen Schnell.

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