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Old Mill timber site sees new beginning in 1996

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100 YEARS AGO

For the week ending March 6, 1921

Early period design picked

Plans are being drawn, and committee is working to secure a site, for a wooden building, of rustic design, the architecture to conform with that of the Norwegian period of several centuries ago, to be used as headquarters by Bend lodge, Sons of Norway.

A fund is being set aside for the purpose and it is hoped that construction work will be started in order to have the building completed before winter, according to R.H. Loved, a member of the committee.

Arrangements are being made by the lodge for the observance of May 17, upon which date in 1905 Norway secured her freedom.

Letter writers asked for help

Cooperation from all letter writers of Bend, particularly from the business and professional men of the city, is asked by Postmaster W.H. Hudson in connection with the campaign inaugurated by the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks to distribute work in the office more evenly over the working day.

In the neighborhood of 7000 letters a day are sent out from

the Bend office daily, Mr. Hudson says and of these, more than half are mailed between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock in the evening. Practically the same amount of east-bound mail as that directed to western points is sent out.

To eliminate the rush hour, Mr. Hudson endorses the suggestions made by the federation of clerks, chief of which is the request to letter writers to mail in the morning instead of allowing the mail to pile up during the entire day. An hour's delay in mailing, if this delay comes at the rush period, might result in a day's delay in delivery, it is pointed out. Frequent depositing of mail matter is suggested.

Farmers ask big U.S. loan

Applications for federal farm loans which have been held up in Deschutes county pending a decision by the Supreme Court total at least \$100,000, was the estimate given today by H.C. Ellis, secretary of the Deschutes National Farm Loan association. In his own organization applications on file amount to more than \$24,000, and with the applications made by members of the four other associations in the county, will easily pass the \$100,000 mark.

Money will not be available for 30 days, but at the end of that time sufficient will be provided to take care of all applications already on file, according to the latest information received. New applications will be handled in their turn.

Price of gasoline goes up one cent

The new state gasoline road tax means one cent a gallon more on purchases in barrel lots, W.R. Speck, manager of the Standard Oil company's interests here, announced today. The company's price now in effect is 36 1/2 cents.

The 158,000-gallon tank recently installed here is being filled, lacking only 18,000 gallons of having reached its capacity, Mr. Speck states. It will be full in another month. The other tanks, bringing the total storage facilities up to 217,000 gallons, are kept constantly filled. There will be no gasoline famine in Bend this summer, Mr. Speck predicts.

75 YEARS AGO

For the week ending March 6, 1946

Parallel parking plans approved

Parallel parking is coming to Bend. Within two weeks, motorists on Wall Street between Greenwood and Franklin avenues, and on parts of the latter two thoroughfares will find that they are to park alongside the curbs instead of at the present angle.

This announcement was made today at the city hall as street department employees had almost finished the task of removing the old parking lines on Wall Street. As soon as Greenwood and Franklin avenues have been made ready, W.O. Widdows, in charge of the sign division for the state highway department, will be notified and a state crew will mark the streets for parallel parking.

In order to assist persons unfamiliar with this type of parking, City manager C.G. Reiter said that a brief period of schooling will be given.

Reiter said that he did not anticipate that drivers would have much trouble parking parallel, because this has been in vogue for years in the residential districts and on Minnesota, Louisiana and Greenwood avenues, Brooks street and other downtown thoroughfares.

Frenchman thanks Bend woman for Red Cross gifts

As the second day of the Deschutes county Red Cross campaign got under way here today, word came from France telling of the French people's appreciation of the work of the American Red Cross. This gratitude is expressed in a letter received by Mrs. E.M. Thompson from Monsieur and Madame Marciano of Chateau Thierry. It read:

"Dear Mistress — A nice woolen stuff, you made up, has been attributed by the French Red Cross to an eight family living in the Champagne, a French province 100 kilometers east of Paris, who thanks you very much for your generosity. "We looked on the map for your country. We know an American who lives in the South Carolina just at the opposite of you.

"The Americans left us a very good remembrance. We owe them very much and before all the liberty."

Mrs. Hemingway said that what the Frenchman refers to is material made here by the civilian workers for the Deschutes county chapter.

Hospital adopts Blue Cross plan

The St. Charles hospital in Bend has become affiliated with the Blue Cross plan of hospitalization, it was announced here today. Under the affiliation, which numbers 86 member hospitals over the nation, the hospital contracts to treat members of families, employed groups or individuals at a nominal monthly cost.

Persons interested in the plan may obtain full information at the hospital, or literature may be procured through the mail, according to Q.S. Nelson and W.H. Shively, Portland representatives of the organization who are in the city this week in connection with forming the local office.

The Blue Cross plan, a non-profit organization, was conceived about 15 years ago by a group of teachers at Baylor university Dallas, Tex., and now boasts a national enrollment of 20 million subscribers, it was stated. Plans already in operation permit residents of 20 states to budget medical and surgical, as well as hospital costs on a convenient group basis, while future plans will likewise serve six additional states before the end of 1946. Alabama, Ohio and Virginia now claim the most recently set up medical organizations coordinated with Blue Cross.

50 YEARS AGO

For the week ending March 6, 1971

Twelve-month school year study launched

Teachers in the Bend school system have launched a study into the feasibility of a 12-month school year.

Zola McDougall, co-chairman of a special steering committee, said "We've talked in abstractions about such a plan for several years. The Bend Education Association felt it was time for a study to see if it's feasible." Members of the steering committee are Gary Cruikshank, co-chairman with Miss McDougall, and Orval Boyle, Larry Davis, and James Atrial. The committee was named at a general meeting of teachers in Mid-February.

"We decided to take the four-term approach," Miss McDougall said, "which would involve dividing the school year into four quarters of equal length. A student would be required to attend three of the four quarters."

The steering committee is presently gathering information from teachers at all schools in the system to determine their feelings about the four-term proposal and how such a plan could be implemented.

The steering committee is scheduled to report on its find-

ings to the Bend Education Association, a teacher organization, in April.

"We're not sure how we want to go until we get a check-back from the teachers," Miss McDougall said.

She emphasized in discussing the study that at this point it is only concerned about whether a 12-month plan would be feasible.

"There are lots of factors involved," she noted, "but for the present we're dealing only with one, that of structuring for such a program. All we're doing is seeing if the four-quarter approach is the best approach and if so, how it can be implemented."

25 YEARS AGO

For the week ending March 6, 1996

A new beginning for Old Mill site

When timber was the lifeblood of Bend, the old Brooks-Scanlon sawmill carried the city's economy on its shoulders. It defined what Bend was all about.

Time changes. Now Bend is about tourism, shopping and business services. But the old Brooks-Scanlon sawmill site hasn't disappeared. In fact it's muscling up to become a key player in the local economy again.

River Bend Limited Partnership, headed by Bend developer Bill Smith, submitted an ambitious Phase 1 master plan to city officials today for development of 50 acres of the 212-acre sawmill site, now called The Old Mill District at River Bend.

The master plan could have sweeping implications. Many speculate that The Old Mill District will become a new downtown, a focal point for the city.

Bend city councilors last year passed a new zoning law, called the Mixed-Use Riverfront Aone, specifically to regulate development of the site.

"We believe this master plan is in harmony with the letter and spirit of Bend's mixed-use riverfront zone ordinance," Smith said. "It's a design that's sensitive to the environment and history of the site, and will mesh and strengthen the fabric of our downtown area."

Developers don't plan on building the entire first phase at once. But if the city okay the

blueprint, work will begin this summer on \$6 million to \$9 million in improvements, including two new pedestrian bridges across the Deschutes River; a paved River Walk trail, three ponds and a temporary outdoor amphitheater. The work is slated for completion by May of 1997.

"I think it's going to be a design that fits in with the community and with the buildings already down there," said H. Bruce Miller, a spokesman for the developers. "The style of architecture, with some modifications, is going to be a pretty close replica of mill architecture."

First phase plans call for a riverfront plaza with clusters of retail shops, restaurants, cafes, offices and even second-floor apartments. They also call for an artisans design center, where sculptors, woodworkers, metal casters and other artists could share work space with retailers. A cluster of office buildings is being considered near the High Desert Beverage outlet as well.

Subsequent development depends on demand. But in all, the Phase 1 blueprint calls for retail space which, when totaled together, would be equivalent to Costco. Office space would equal more than four Bend Title buildings. Homes, apartments and condos would run 50,000 and 100,000 square feet. Total Phase 1 costs could reach \$65 million and take 20 years to complete.

The Bend Planning Commission must review the master plan. Key issues include road connections and traffic, along with the riverside walkway, riverfront plaza and other development close to the river's edge.

"The riparian areas, where they exist, will be maintained and in some cases enhanced," Miller said.

He said the developers won't put a "hard edge or curb" along the river. "We're looking for something with a much more natural feeling to it, which I think is appropriate to Bend."

Headlines: Gorbachev eyes presidential race — Princess Diana says yes to divorce from Charles — Dole favorite in Oregon poll — Woman breaks new ground as college baseball assistant coach — Democrats digging in on Whitewater probe

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