

YESTERYEAR

Tumalo groups support eugenics bill in 1921

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100 YEARS AGO

For the week ending
March 27, 1921

Soundings for Deschutes diversion dam will be taken

Arrangements to take soundings preliminary to the construction of a new diversion dam in the Deschutes river, are being made by J.M. Griffin assistant engineer for the Tumalo irrigation district. The dam is to be located about 600 yards below the county bridge, at the old Linster mill site, and is another step in the new development program of the district. Approximately six feet in height, the dam will be of concrete and will be planned to take care of a canal which will have a 300 second feet capacity. No figures have as yet been compiled regarding the cost.

Eugenics advocate pitches bill to receptive Tumalo crowd

Club women throughout Deschutes county are becoming increasingly interested in the marriage bill which passed the legislature and which will be referred to the people at the coming special election, reports from various organizations show. Dr. Owens-Adair, author of the measure, who is concluding her stay in Bend this week, has spoken before practically every women's club in the county, and has found them all anxious to support the bill and help in turning in a big Deschutes county majority for it.

Last week Dr. Adair spoke before a large audience of women at the community church in Tumalo, explaining her bill. Great interest was manifested in the measure, and when a rising vote was taken, it was found that if the ideas of the women of Tumalo are representative of those held throughout the state, the bill will pass the referendum without difficulty.

The O.D.O club, the Tumalo Study club and the Tillicum, all of Tumalo and the vicinity, are among the organizations which will support Dr. Adair's work in the advancement of eugenics.

Bend's sewers get a cleaning

The annual spring cleaning of Bend's sewer system is in progress. Two men are at work going over the entire system, two weeks being required to complete the job, under the direction of city Engineer R. B. Gould.

Traveler's to Bend in peril

Bend passengers narrowly escaped being in a serious wreck at Lyle Monday night, according to Fire Chief Tom

Carlson, who was on the S.P. & S train which was delayed by the slide on the main line.

The through train, carrying the Bend coaches, was pulling alongside the local at the time of the accident, in which the engine of the latter was overturned and Engineer Bend F. Coyne killed, says chief Carlson and warnings signaled from the local were all that prevented the heavier and faster train from striking the slide at full speed.

Chief Carlson saw the overturned engine and derailed baggage cars, but as it was dark, could tell little of the damage inflicted. The train on which he was a passenger returned to Portland, came up to Celilo on the O. & W. track, and switched back to Fallbridge. The Bend train left Fallbridge at 7 o'clock, after which the passengers were unable to obtain food until they reached Bend at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Railroad men here are of the opinion that Engineer Coyne lost his life in saving the lives of passengers and others, staying with the cab long enough to shut off steam and set the air brakes.

75 YEARS AGO

For the week ending
March 27, 1946

Shevlin plant strike looms

A strike which threatens to tie up all the operations of The Shevlin-Hixon Company here and in the woods was ordered today by officials of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) unless the company meets requests that the management discharge several employees or have them join the union. The union has set 6:15 a.m. next Monday as the time for the strike unless the company accedes to the demands in the meantime.

Company officials, maintaining that a national war labor board directive ordering the non-union men back into the ranks of the IWA is invalid, issued a statement saying that the company is willing to submit the matter to arbitration, provided the union would do likewise, and like the company abide by the decision.

The employees in question were said to be those who quit the union during an "escape period," and the company holds that it will neither discharge them or order them into the union.

Longtime Sisters business gets new owners

On March 1 one of the oldest business establishments in Sisters, the Aitken drug store, opened its doors under new management. For 34 years the store was operated by its owners, Mr and Mrs. George E. Aitken, with Mrs. Aitken carrying on the business after her husband's death in 1944.

The Aitkens were among the pioneer settlers of Sisters, witnessing its growth from a few scattered ranches to the modern, thriving community of today. Twenty years ago their business was almost completely destroyed in the disastrous fire which swept this Santiam McKenzie town leaving only two buildings undamaged. But in the spirit of the times, the Aitkens rebuilt the store and began anew.

Today the modernized store is being operated by Richard Day, owner of Day's cafe before his entry into the armed forces. SC2/c Day served in the navy for 20 months aboard a minesweeper stationed at Pearl Harbor. He received his discharge Dec. 7, 1945, and returned to Sisters seeking a new place of business. After conferring with Mrs. Aitken, arrangements were made for the purchase of the drug store.

Mrs. Aitken and her son, Donald, a student at Sisters high school, have purchased a new home and plan to remain in Sisters.

Upheaval in committee for fair rent in Bend

Declaring that "sterner measures are needed" to control Bend's rents, the four members hinted that the city should invite the OPA here to cope with the problem since "rents are being raised every day in Bend without any cessation."

Substantiating recent reports of disension within the ranks of the group, four members of the Bend fair rents committee today tendered their resignation to Mayor A.T. Niebergall and members of the city commission. The members are Paul K. Rukaveno, Robert E. Burleigh, George I. Hundley and Claude Green.

Rukaveno and Hundley sat on the rents committee as representatives of war veterans, while Burleigh and Green represented the public at large. There are three other members of the committee who are landlords, and the chairman is Horace Badger.

In their letter of resignation, the four members charged a lack of cooperation among Bend landlords, told of the discord within the committee and took a veiled slap at the Property Owners association of Bend. This latter organization recently adopted a resolution refusing access to the

property of its members on the grounds that the fair rents committee was composed of "trespassers."

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Sign advertises Bend's water

Bend's drinking water, already known in all sections of the country, bids fair to become more famous as the result of a move made by the Junior chamber of commerce. Today the young men erected the following sign in front of the Chamber of Commerce and over the lava based drinking fountain here, reading:

"The Bend Jaycees Invite You to Have a Drink of the Finest Water in the World." The invitation is painted in attractive, large letters on a sign of Central Oregon pine for feet square, and is readily visible to tourists driving along Wall Street a block away. The sign was made by the McCann Sign service.

50 YEARS AGO

For the week ending
March 27, 1971

It's off to state basketball tournament for Lava Bears

The March wind blew cold but hearts were warm this morning as Bend boosters gave the Lava Bears a spirited sendoff to the state basketball tournament in Portland. An estimated 200 persons turned out for the ceremonies, set in the Bend Plaza parking lot. The rally a mixture of old-time tradition and a few new-fangled twists, hopefully will cheer Bend's 12-man team to victory at the five-day tournament.

Bend's Mayor. A.E. Moody was on hand, as a traditional touch. He cut a ribbon as another. A brass band and cheerleaders from the high school, backed by sign-waving, but shivering, supporters completed the picture.

The new-dangled frills were not so successful.

An airplane, set to fly over the crowd and let loose balloons loaded with prizes, flew over too fast and the balloons burst before they reached the ground. Also, the loudspeaker system failed to function until the last few minutes of the rally.

Undaunted by these failures of aeronautics and electronics, the team and the rest of its retinue mounted the bus for the trip to Portland, high in hopes of returning with the AAA division trophy. This is the 14th such tournament for the Bears, and the first since 1967. The team won second place in the tourney in 1944, and a third place in 1949, but has never brought home a first place trophy.

First game for the Bears is set for tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Portland Memorial Coliseum, against the Highlanders of North Eugene High School.

Headlines

U.S. warplanes attack North Vietnam targets — Old Yaquina Bay Lighthouse is 100 years old — Warm Spring Indians seeking to regain disputed McQuinn strip — Sinatra to retire from show business — 'Zodiac' sends note claiming 'Victim 12'.

25 YEARS AGO

For the week ending
March 27, 1996

Blaze claims Sisters Rodeo clubhouse

Officials suspect that old brochures and beer tokens

stacked against the furnace led to a fire that destroyed the clubhouse on the Sisters Rodeo Association grounds Sunday night. Firefighters managed to save several valuable paintings and a belt buckle collection from the clubhouse, but the building itself was destroyed in the blaze.

Cloverdale Rural Fire Department Chief Chuck Cable said the combustibles around and against the furnace probably started the fire, which began late Sunday afternoon. More than half the building was on fire when 911 was called about 9 p.m.

A caretaker living on the grounds was home, but wasn't aware of the blaze until it was well involved. No one was injured in the fire.

It took 17 volunteer firefighters from Cloverdale and several from the Sisters Fire Department more than two hours to get the blaze under control, Cable said.

One engine from the Cloverdale department remained at the scene overnight to watch for any flare-ups.

The building, which was owned by the association and housed the rodeo offices, was insured and will be rebuilt, said John Leavitt, the rodeo association's vice-president. Leavitt did not know the dollar value of the building.

"It will not affect the rodeo at all," Leavitt declared this morning.

"We will have a new building up by rodeo time." The annual rodeo is scheduled for June 7-9.

Leavitt said the building, which was only a few years old, was used for meetings and rented out for parties and weddings during the off-season.

The clubhouse included the association's offices, a kitchen, and a meeting room.

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