# Land swap may stall scenic drive on Pilot Butte in 1996

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# **100 YEARS AGO**

For the week ending April 17, 1921

#### Father braves fire peril to save children

Clad only in night attire, R.G. Hensley sustained severe burns on the shoulders, back and neck when he rushed through fire and smoke last night to rescue his children from his burning home, seven miles from Bend on the Bear Creek road. Mrs. Hensley narrowly escaped death in making her way from the burning building. Hensley is being cared for at the nearby home of Charles Hoech. He will recover.

The explosion of a lamp used to warm a brooder kept in the house is thought to have started the fire shortly before midnight, but no absolute information on this point is available. Henslev was awakened by smoke and, not realizing the extent of the fire, went outside for water, believing that the blaze could be overcome.

The fire, however, had gained such headway as to render futile any efforts which he might make, and he ran through the flames to save the two children, one four years the other one year old. Neither was harmed.

The house, valued at about \$2000, and its contents are a total loss.

#### Silver Lake to have creamery

Transfer of the Fort Rock creamery to the Silver Lake Cooperative creamery was completed yesterday in Bend. The Silver Lake concern is a new company, recently organized with a capital stock of \$5000. The deal was arranged by H.M. Pease and Harvey Crampton, president and secretary of the Fort Rock creamery, and Louis Bennett and Guy Martin, holding similar offices in the new company.

The creamery will be moved immediately to Silver Lake and operations will be commenced as soon as possible. Members of the new organization now own 400 cows where, two years ago, there were no dairy cows in that district. Cream has been sold meanwhile to the Fort Rock creamery.

Interest in dairying has been aided by the formation of an irrigation district at Silver Lake, for which bonds have been voted and are now ready for sale. The district includes 8000 acres of irrigable land. Experimental growth of alfalfa on small tracts has shown good results. The soil is similar to that near Bend. Two good groups of alfalfa are expected each season.

# Cannon to be gift for city

Senator Charles I. McNary has arranged for two-inch cannons to be presented to the cities of Bend and Pendleton. The guns, now at Benicia arsenal, California, weigh about one ton each with equipment.

The securing of a cannon for Bend is a matter to which Senator McNarv has devoted some time since his aid was asked by a special committee of Percy A. Stevens Post, American Legion, early in the winter. The post had originally desired to secure two artillery pieces for memorial purposes.

#### **75 YEARS AGO**

For the week ending April 17, 1946

#### Rush work due on field house at Bruin field

Bend's school board expects to have the new field house at the high school athletic field ready for use by July 15. Architect's plans, with slight modifications, were approved by the directors at their meeting at the high school last night and specifications were ordered prepared as the basis for an early call for bids.

First use may be by the Brooklyn Dodgers pro footballers whose management has already manifest interest in coming here for summer training. The board gave the green light on this also, voting unanimously to lend field and field house to the Dodgers for a month.

#### Pageant park filling work nears finish

City employes today were completing the filling in and leveling of Pageant park at the west end of the foot bridge, and steps will be taken shortly for seeding it to lawn, it was announced today by City manager C.G. Reiter. He said that he hoped to have the park in readiness for use this sum-

Plans call for the building of a concrete retaining wall along the river's bank, and the possible construction of a boat loading ramp. Plans for the ramp are to be discussed with officials of the Bend Stampede and Water Pageant association, it was said.

#### Bend pole vaulter sets new mark in triangular meet

Coach Claude Cook's L bear Trachmen invaded Crook county yesterday afternoon to roll up a decisive victory over Prineville and Redmond and set another new mark in the second triangular track meet of the 1946 season. Bend registered 72 points while Redmond and Prineville, almost neck and neck the whole time, ended up with 39-1/2 and 37-1/2 points respectively.

George Rasmussen, who set a new Lava Bear record of 12 feet 3 inches, in the pole vault last Friday at Redmond, went himself one better yesterday

to top the state record with a vault of 12 feet 6 inches. The tall Bend lad cleared the mark with so little difficulty that the fans are of the opinion he would have gone even higher if the bar could have been raised. The 12 foot, 6 inch height was the maximum possible with the supports being used yesterday.

#### Minto pass burn planting started

A crew of ten men today began the experimental planting of small trees on approximately 30 acres of land burned over last summer in the disastrous Minto pass fire, it was reported at headquarters of the Deschutes national forest. Lanes were first made through the area with a bulldozer preparatory to the planting.

Ponderosa pine trees two years of age are being planted, and the crew intends to use 20,000 of the trees in the experiment.

Meantime the Tite Knot Pine mill of Redmond is making good progress in logging off some of the Minto pass area, salvaging as much as 60,0000 board feet of timber daily, it was reported.

**Headlines: President Truman,** observing anniversary of death of FDR, pledges full support for UN — North Santiam dam to be 5th highest in all U.S; completion expected in 1950 — Senate approves housing program — Butter shortage may ease some

### **50 YEARS AGO**

For the week ending April 17, 1971

#### Robber takes cash from Bend grocer

An armed robber stole \$8,069 Saturday night from Jim Peterson, 46 co-owner of Consumer's Market, 111 E. Emerson Ave., as he was preparing to make a night deposit at the U.S. National Bank

The man, estimated to about 30 years old, forced Peterson back into Peterson's pickup as he prepared to step from the vehicle to make the

deposit. The robber, holding a revolver on Peterson with his left hand and driving with his right, then drove out Skyliner's Road west of Bend. About two miles from the city, he stopped the pickup and told Peterson:

This is where you get out." Peterson hiked back to town and called city police from the first house he came to on Galveston Avenue.

Police a few minutes later found the pickup abandoned in the 1600 block on Galveston. the two money bags that Peterson had planned to deposit had been slit open. The robber had taken the cash, but had left a quantity of checks.

In recalling the robbery today, Peterson said the man wore a snap brim hat and

plaid jacket and was "tense but cool."

Peterson told police that he had left the market shortly before 8 o'clock with another store employe and had stopped for a couple of drinks at a cocktail lounge on South Third Street before driving downtown to make the deposit.

The money stolen by the robber represented the market's Saturday receipts and several special weekend deposits. Peterson said the market carries robbery insurance. Detective Bob Burleigh, who is conducting the investigation, said it was the biggest sum he could recall stolen in an armed robbery in the 20 years he has been a member of the police department.

## **25 YEARS AGO**

For the week ending April 17, 1996

# Land swap may stall scenic

A proposed land swap between the city of Bend and state of Oregon could be the first step toward limiting vehicle access to the road winding to the top of Pilot Butte. The land swap has renewed discussion about annexation of stateowned Pilot Butte State Park to the city to provide access to city police, fire, water and sewer services. And if the butte is annexed, Bend Police Chief Dave Malkin wants the road closed at 5 p.m each day, seven days a week. Otherwise, he said, vandalism, noise drinking and littering problems put too much demand on police services.

Lt. Larry Blanton of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Department, which currently has jurisdiction on the butte, said problems on the butte seem to run in spurts. Most calls relate to noise and underage drinking, with the volume increasing sharply during the summer, he said.

Bend City Manager Larry Patterson said the frequency of trouble on the butte would pull police officers from other duties.

"The problem is using valuable time and police hours, "Patterson said. "If we're going to do this, and take on the responsibility, it needs to fit in with the city's resources." However, residents who visit the butte regularly oppose closure of the road to vehicle traffic in the evening hours. "I'd rather have them police it a little tighter and keep it open," said Steve McIntyre, who was walking the butte Monday with his wife, Debbie. McIntyre said he typically drives up five or six times a year with friends and relatives to show them the view. He said he would hate to see that cut off.

Some seniors have another concern. They fear their health will keep them from viewing the city at night if the road is

closed. The state Department of Parks and Recreation, which oversees operation of the site, may order a nightly road closure even if the butte is not annexed, said Manager Curtis Smith. "We'll still consider closing no later than dusk," Smith said. "But it's possible that's too big a pill to swallow," he acknowledged.

In the meantime, the proposed land swap holds center

The swap would transfer state land on the west and south sides to the city and city land on the east side to the state. The city land being eyed for transfer to the state has already been annexed, spurring renewed talk about annexation of the current state holdings as well.

Smith said the state would use the city land for a new access route and parking lot. Patterson and the city would site a large water storage tank on the state land, displacing the existing parking lot and access route.

If the swap goes through, work could begin this summer on the new facilities.



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