

HERMISTON HISTORY

# Hermiston makes treaty trip to Portland

**25 YEARS AGO**  
AUGUST 25, 1992

• From an editorial: A three-hour drive west on Interstate 84 can sometimes seem like a trip to another world, but a few hearty souls led a voyage of exploration Friday, which could reap untold rewards. Representatives from Eastern Oregon — and Hermiston in particular — set off on a journey to negotiate a treaty of sorts with Portland city officials. The Hermiston area ambassadors carried gifts to give to leaders and residents of Portland in a gesture of good faith and friendship. The party carries products common to our native soil — watermelons, onions, potatoes, carrots and other produce. The group was warmly received in that somewhat foreign land known as Portland. The trip was purely a promotional tour, and that is nothing to be ashamed of because there are many people west of the Cascades who remain ignorant of the people, places and products produced in Eastern Oregon. Hermiston Mayor Frank Harkenrider is to be commended for successfully capturing the attention and interest of Portland Mayor Bud Clark, city employees and metropolitan media. With two pickup loads of produce donated by local area farmers and businesses, Harkenrider, Clark and their colleagues have done more to educate the masses in the Willamette Valley than a hundred press releases and promotional pamphlets could ever hope to achieve.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
AUGUST 24, 1967

• A burglary at the Umatilla County Fair office between 5 p.m. Aug. 17 and 8:45 a.m. Aug. 18 was reported to Hermiston police by Barbara Estoup, fair board secretary. At the fair office, an envelope with a check for \$90 was opened but the check was not taken, but another envelope was opened and \$10 taken. The new 4-H building also was entered but apparently nothing taken. Upon investigation police ascertained that entry was gained by breaking a hole 14- by 26-inches in the north window of the Fair office, sliding open the window and entering. The person then went into the main office and tore open the check envelope and the also tore open the other envelope that was in a desk drawer and took the \$10 cash.

• A mass of twisted metal and darkened posts is all



HERALD ARCHIVES

**TOP**, Members of the Hermiston-area delegation take over the Portland mayor's office during a trip to Portland to pose for a photograph. Hermiston Mayor Frank Harkenrider sat at Portland Mayor Bud Clark's desk (Clark is behind him) while other members of the delegation flank the two mayors. **ABOVE**, A blazing show barn at Northwest Livestock Commission facilities on Highway 30 is part of the fire that destroyed a horse barn, weighing office, a restaurant on Aug. 18. Estimated losses due to the first totaled \$75,000. One Hermiston firefighter, Dusty Harris, was injured during efforts to save office equipment.

that remains of \$75,000 worth of Northwest Livestock Commission facilities after an intensely hot, quickly spreading fire raced through a weighing office, a restaurant, a horse barn, a horse parlor and a pigpen area Friday evening, Aug. 18. Don Wink and Everett Snyder of Hermiston are the owners of the Northwest Livestock Commission, located about six miles west of Hermiston, on Highway 30.

**75 YEARS AGO**  
AUGUST 20, 1942

• Umatilla County's population, growing by leaps and bounds, is now estimated at 37,254, an increase of 11,275 over the 1940 census of 25,979. This figure, computed by the county rationing board, is the result of findings reached through the board's industrial land institutional setup, reports Mrs. Anna Crago, head of the sugar rationing registration. Such registrations, considered a reasonably accurate method of determining population, include the following totals in the sugar sign-up: Pendleton

16,825; Hermiston 8,897; and Milton, 6,107. Registrations were taken at these points and represents both city and rural residents.

• Picking operations at the LW Dixon hop yards four miles east of Hermiston will get underway Tuesday, Aug. 25, according to Mr. Dixon who reports a bumper crop. Approximately 250 pickers will be needed to harvest the 1942 crop. Pickers and other laborers should register for work immediately so that activities can begin with full speed ahead. Mr. Dixon stated that he has obtained a number of new

baskets so that there will be plenty to go around. A truck will leave from the Tum-A-Lum corner at 7 a.m. sharp each morning and will stop at the Texaco station for free transportation to the hop yard and back.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
AUGUST 25, 1917

• Word was received here the first of the week to the effect that the second of the two robbers that burglarized the Hermiston Post Office on the night of March 22 last had been apprehended and that his trial would take place in Portland on Thursday or Friday of this week. It will be remembered that one of the robbers was captured by a posse a day or two following the looting of the local post office, the other eluding the hunters in making his escape. For the crime the one who was captured is now serving a term of six years in the federal prison on McNeill's island, and it is likely the one recently taken will receive a like sentence.

• Replacement of the old planks by installation of new ones in the railroad crossing near the depot was an improvement ordered by the company that took place in this city the latter part of last week. For years upon years — nearly as long as the oldest "old timer" can remember — the crossing had been an eyesore and a nerve wrecker to autoists and drivers of vehicles having occasion to use it. So thin has the planking become worn, in fact, that from the time a vehicle or auto struck the tracks on either side it was a series of "bump the bumps," to the utter disgust of those who used it, whether on business or pleasure bent. But the long suffering public has at last been relieved to some extent, though it is far from being an admirable crossing yet. After such a long wait for this improvement the people of Hermiston extend heartfelt thanks to the railway company.

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## NAKUL BUTTA

Owner, Rodeway Inn

**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**  
*I moved here in January 2008 because of a business opportunity.*

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**  
*Kobe and Delish.*

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
*Nothing — I work.*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**  
*Probably the pace of growth the city has achieved.*

**What was the last book you read?**  
*I don't read books at all. I read articles on the internet. The last one I read was about a new hotel coming in downtown Portland. It was a good read — pretty interesting.*

**What app or website do you use most often other than Facebook?**  
*I use LinkedIn quite a bit.*

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?**  
*Probably Italy or Singapore.*

**What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?**  
*I had a Mexican guy that barely spoke English tell me to go back to my own country. That's pretty comical.*

**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**  
*Probably to acquire more businesses.*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**  
*When I was 27, I was voted one of the "30 under 30" to watch for hotels.*

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