

Big Things Happening During Period

Some pertinent issues of 1910 newspapers are missing from files at the county library, but existing ones give a partially complete picture of Riverside School's birth.

The school was completed in 1910 on its site overlooking Linkville precinct and Klamath Falls. Exciting things were happening here during that period.

The city council that year passed a resolution to pave Main Street and received bids on a new city hall. Main, the newly established town on the shore of undrained Tule Lake, was enthusiastic about the impending arrival of the Modoc Northern Railway.

When the elementary school board met to discuss school enrollment, a member commented "complaints that the building was extravagant and enrollment would never justify its structure are already proving wrong. We expect 160 pupils in September."

The town was growing painfully and there were bizarre, impetuous moments. Once the city had two mayors, neither willing to relinquish the office to the other, and the city about the turn of the century had three charters.

Schools were of prime concern in view of the foreseeable growth here and a renaissance of public education across the country then. Editorial writers here already were calling for better public schools in 1885.

By 1900 the county had 30 school districts and 60 teachers. In January, 1905, construction of the county high school was started. It was finished that year. Riverside School was next on the agenda and was ready for classes in the fall of 1910.

A gym was added to the original structure in 1930. The interior has undergone extensive remodeling during the past few years to accommodate enrollment increase and to conform to state fire codes.

It's brick hull is sound as vault doors at Fort Knox, and it looks sturdy enough to weather another five decades.



JAMES E. NEWNHAM

Final Rites Set Saturday

Funeral services for James E. Newnham, 75, who came to Klamath County in 1905, will be held from O'Hair's Memorial Chapel, at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 2. Final rites and interment will be in Klamath Memorial Park. The Rev. Lloyd Henderson, pastor of the Merrill Presbyterian Church will officiate.

Active pallbearers will be Charles Dixon, Marshall McClay, Harold Campbell, Taylor High, Bob Williams and John Fisher. Honorary will be Marion Barnes, O. L. Brown, Bill Cunningham, A. R. Campbell, Rex High and King Hubble.

Mr. Newnham, a native of Fall River, Wisconsin, and an employee of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, helped survey and build the ditches on the Klamath Reclamation project. He was employed with the USBR until 1919 when he bought a ranch in the Pine Grove District, still farmed by a son. He left Klamath County in 1945 to make his home on the coast and returned here two months ago during his last illness.

Survivors include his widow, Florence, of Otis; three sons, Pavitt Newnham, Merrill, Jim of Early Mart, California, Dale of Pine Grove; and eight grandchildren.

Meeting Set By Agents

Klamath County independent insurance agents left today to discuss proposed legislation, new coverages and loss adjustment practices at a Medford meeting conducted by the Oregon Association of Insurance Agents.

Occasion for the meeting is the annual state-wide educational tour scheduled by the association for its members. Representatives of nearly 100 Southern Oregon insurance agencies are expected to attend the all-day session.

Ex-General Warns U.S.

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Air Force Gen. James H. Doolittle (ret.) Wednesday night warned that Russia's apparent willingness to abandon nuclear weapon tests might mean it has a new secret weapon.

"While we continue to devote our best scientific efforts to space technology we must not lose sight of the distinct possibility that Russia is hoping we will concentrate all our military attention upon space," Doolittle said at a UCLA University extension meeting.

"There are other deterrents to war approaches which demand attention."

Doolittle, now board chairman of Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., said he believed the United States should devote wholehearted efforts toward gaining a technical advantage in space weaponry.

Other Klamath Falls agents attending are A. E. Dye, Jay Dye, Charles "Buz" Larkin, Jerry Thomas.

Featured speakers at the regional meeting include State Representative Keith D. Skelton, Eugene attorney Vern L. Hill, Oregon motor vehicle director, Edgar O. Zorn, chief deputy insurance commissioner, and Ross L. Oliver, San Francisco insurance executive.

The meeting concludes with a reception and banquet at the Rogue Valley Country Club Friday evening.

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Wine Praised As Relief To Tension

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The moderate use of wine has been recommended as an aid in the relief of strains and tensions of modern living.

Milton Silverman, medical research director for the California Wine Industry, said Wednesday researchers at Yale University believe that wine has survived as a beverage for one reason — its ability to provide a mild but long-lasting relief from emotional tension.

The Yale investigators placed normal humans under laboratory conditions of extreme stress and found a man's emotional tension index could be reduced by remarkably small quantities of alcohol, according to Silverman, a biochemist.

"A slight but distinct drop in the index could be produced by as little as three ounces of a California burgundy, or by the same quantity of plain diluted alcohol," Silverman told the San Francisco Advertising Club.

"When larger quantities of wine were administered, tension was relieved still further and more effectively, without causing intoxication," he added. However, Silverman noted that plain alcohol or beverages of mostly alcohol used in larger amounts not only failed to relieve tension but caused it.

The wine industry has not found all the answers to account for the different reaction of wine, but one explanation is that plain alcohol is absorbed by the blood stream faster than alcohol from wine, he said.

"The Yale physiologists and psychiatrists and nutrition experts feel they have produced some concrete evidence which might help explain the use of wine for thousands of years," Silverman said.

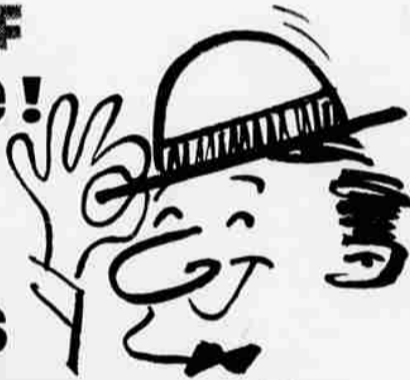
He added that the safest time to drink alcoholic beverages is during meals when food in the stomach produces slower absorption and protects the brain by a high sugar level in the bloodstream.

PUFF OF LOOT

COURTRAI, Belgium (UPI) — Andre Houtieckier was very pleased when a stranger in a cafe offered him a cigar. It was Houtieckier's own expensive brand.

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