

HISTORICAL HEADLINES

Historic News from the Archives of the North Lincoln County Historical Museum



Delake Hotel Burns

February, 1933

Only a small amount of furniture salvaged - Loss is partially covered by insurance. Fire of undetermined origin, fanned by a south-west wind, burned the Delake Beach Hotel to the ground Tuesday evening, despite valiant efforts to keep it from being a total loss. The fire started on the

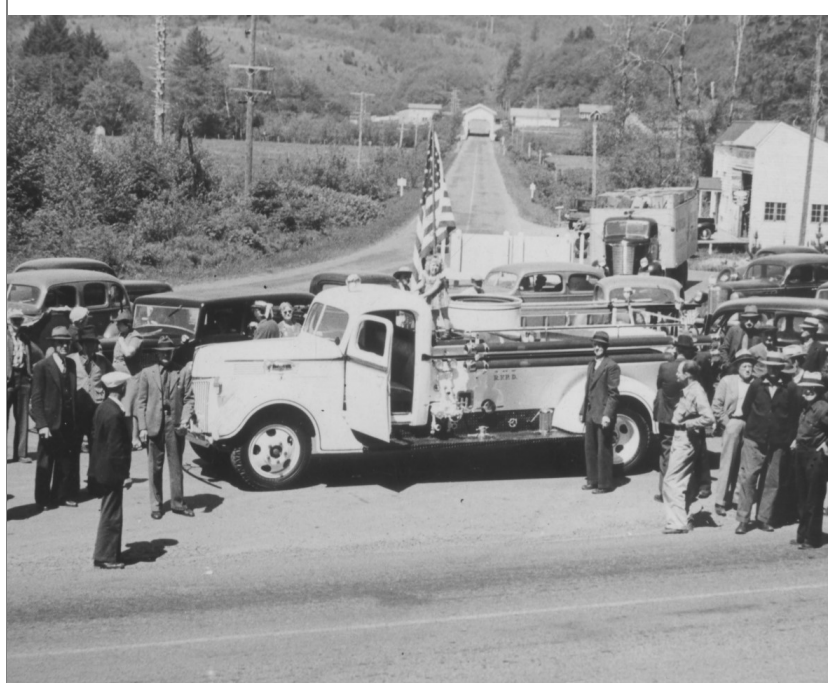
west side of the lobby, quickly spread, and soon the whole building was in flames. The Oceanlake fire department was called, but, owing to a lack of pressure, could not check the conflagration. Only a small amount of furniture and personal belongings of the managers was saved. A crowd of about 200 quickly assembled to watch the fire and render assistance as they could. The hotel had successfully withstood the pounding of the high surf the past week, only to burn to the surprise of all. It was considered to be the best small hostelry in the Northwest. (Note from the future: This is now the site of the D River Wayside Park in Delake.)

Large Jug Found on the Beach

February, 1933

Edward Kangas of Taft made a real find on the beach just north of the channel into Siletz Bay.

It is a brown pottery vase, 22 inches in height, 40.5 inches in circumference at its widest, and holds seven gallons. It has a stamp mark just below the handle that is either Chinese, or more probably Japanese in character. The jug was partially covered in barnacles and when uncorked a most vile odor emanated from the liquid contents. It is believed that this jug crossed the Pacific Ocean. (Note from the future: This jug was donated to the museum in 1991 by the Kangas family and is currently on display.)



District Receives New Fire Truck

May, 1940

With flags flying and sirens screaming, an escort of 100 cars brought the new Taft-Delake-Nelscott fire truck from Otis into the district. The caravan stopped at Delake and Nelscott where the new equipment was demonstrated. When the fire truck arrived in Taft, Fred Robison presented a deed of land to the district where a fire

hall will be built. The truck will be housed in Ballard Motors until the fire hall is built. (Note from the future: The fire hall to be built is now NLCHM and Ballard Motors is now the Lincoln City Glass Studio.)

Henry Hostetler Passes Away, February, 1955

With the passing of Henry Hostetler last week, Delake lost one of its important founders. Henry built the first post office in Delake in 1926, was instrumental in getting the phone company to this area, built many roads, and was instrumental in the development of the Salmon River Highway. He also donated land for the school, art center, yacht club, and more. He owned the first automobile here and also landed the first plane on the beach. Henry Hostetler worked hard for us and has earned the distinction as Mr. Delake. (Note from the future: The school on his donated land is now the Cultural Center and a park located east of D River Wayside is named after him.)



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