

HISTORICAL HEADLINES

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

Fogarty Creek Name Origins 1903

Fogarty Creek was named for County Judge John Fogarty (pictured). The creek was known to the early settlers as Salmon Creek until one Sunday in the year 1903. Mr. Fogarty, then a county commissioner, came wearing his Sunday clothes to look over a possible site for a bridge across the creek. He lost his footing and had to take an "unscheduled swim." The other homesteaders wouldn't let John Fogarty forget his ducking and began calling the creek by his name. (Note from the future: Fogarty Creek is now the site of a popular State Recreation Area along Highway 101.)



Greatest Crowd Ever Experienced Attends Roundup of Redheads June, 1935

At least 12,000 people here for two-day event. The greatest crowd ever visiting North Lincoln streamed from all over Oregon and Washington, some coming even from greater distances, to attended the Redhead Roundup at Taft, and the weather was ideal.

Taft business houses, as well as business firms in other communities, were taxed to the limit to accommodate the huge influx of visitors.

Saturday forenoon the queen of the redheads was crowned with an impressive ceremony and the royal court, the queen and four princesses and their escorts, and king Eric the Red, were given the redhead kingdom and ruled the realm during the two-day event.

Contests of various redhead classifications included: Reddest hair, most freckled, tallest, shortest, redhead travelling from the greatest distance, most comical makeup, most beautiful red hair, oldest, and youngest, among many others. Following the judging, a potlatch was held and a large number of prizes were given. (Note from the future: The Redhead Roundup was successfully held from 1931-1941, but ended when WWII brought gas rationing and a public policy of no large crowds during war.

Fire Destroys DeLake Movie

December 1949

This city's only theater, the Colonial, was completely destroyed by fire and was fought by the two local fire departments for nearly two hours. The value of the structure was estimated at \$15,000.

The ironic twist to the disaster was the fact that the theater had been taken over the day before by C.E. Ward of Portland. The exact origin of the fire was not definitely determined, but was believed to have begun in the electrical system in the projection room.



The fire fighters were hampered by a lack of water pressure, Fire Chief Bob Ballard said that if sufficient water had been available it would have been possible to fight the fire more efficiently. (Note from the future: Of the three North Lincoln Theaters (Lincoln in Taft, Colonial in Delake, and Lakeside in Oceanlake) at that time, only the Lakeside, now Bijou, remains today. The Colonial was open for less than two years (opened May 1948)

Pacific Insurance Advertisement, 1950s



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