

HISTORICAL HEADLINES

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Tug George M. Brown Grounds on Sand -April, 1930

Ship strikes cross current and strong winds and beached with log raft. The most serious disaster that has occurred at the mouth of the Siletz River took place when the George M. Brown was driven into the sand spit on the north side of the river. Two other tugs, the Craig, and the Chahaunta, were disabled in endeavoring to pull the stranded vessel free, but were later to be freed. The Brown was on its way to

the Columbia River with a log raft when it was caught in a strong northwest wind and cross currents and then swept up high on the spit. Large crowds have watched the rescue work being carried on, both night and day.

The crew of five total were unharmed. The Brown is seventy five feet long and has a fine record for successful work, having taken a large raft to Hawaii during its life. A loading donkey engine was finally able to haul the George back into the river. The George will be laid up in drydock for a short time, with minor damages.

Reputation of Tucker's Place Grows; Famed Exhibits Include Rare Doll Collection -August, 1947

A large sign cut from plywood proclaims it as "Tucker's Place," a bonneted Mother Goose nods from a window and from another a life-sized man and woman in wax, standing at an old fashioned spinning wheel - but these trappings do not tell the story of "what's inside."

Seven Years ago, Ben and Nettie Tucker started out to gather the largest collection of dolls in the United States. They now have over 2,000. In Tucker's Place, they also have an enormous collection of knick-knacks, gadgets, dolls and more dolls, antiques of seashells and spangles, doll dresses made of agates and beads, a dress made of postage stamps, and much more. One of the dolls, a boy about two feet tall, has over 8,000 buttons sewed on his costume, and his girlfriend is similarly attired.

Donations can be made in the "wishing well," which has thousands of trinkets imbedded on its exterior. A guest book is available for registration of visitors. Come check them out today in Wecoma! **(Note from the future: Hazel Lacey purchased this business in 1950 and renamed it Lacey's Doll Museum. When she passed away, the majority of her over 4,000 doll collection was sold with proceeds going to a children's hospital. Some of her collection was donated to NLCHM.)**



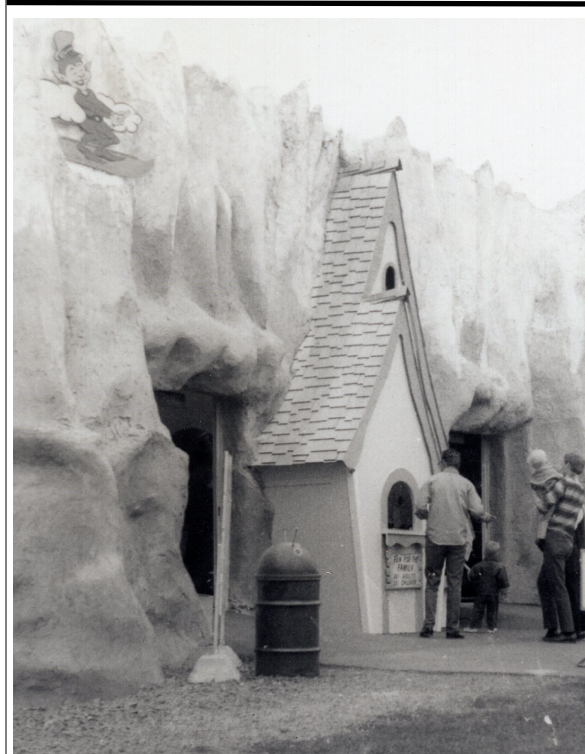
Pixieland Nears Opening

- May, 1969

Pixieland President Jerry Parks told an audience of more than 400 stockholders Saturday that "25 additional attractions" would be open for business on May 10 but that the grand opening of the new area would be delayed to meet the schedule of Gov. Tom McCall. Included in the 25 new attractions will be a Log Flume Ride, an Ice Cream Parlor, Cheese Cave, Candy Kitchen, a stage coach, an oxen-drawn covered wagon, and an Opera House.

Work on the theme amusement park has been underway for more than a year and a half. Its first attractions - the train ride,

restaurant, gift shop and amusement rides opened last summer. The first trailer spaces were opened earlier this year. **(Note from the Future: Pixieland was much loved by visitors, but poor weather and attendance ultimately led to its demise by 1977. The park location is now Forest Service property and has been restored as a wetland.)**



BarnacleBill's Ad, 1950s



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