

# HISTORICAL HEADLINES

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## The Pines' Opens Soon.

March, 1927

A dedicatory program Wednesday night to be brought to close with a dance. Nestled in the heart of the beautiful Siletz Bay region in Taft, Oregon, "The Pines" will formally open its doors to the public on Wednesday. The new beach

hostelry cost 20,000 dollars and was built and will be managed by Fred Watson. Elaborate dedicatory entertainment, culminating with a dancing party in the hotel ballroom Wednesday night, is a special feature planned by the hotel management for the visitors and guests. Guests will have a sweeping view of the Siletz Bay, and from the other a full vision of evergreen forests covering the mountain sides. The hotel grounds are almost blanketed by rhododendron bushes that are now practically in full bloom and the hotel is readily accessible to tourists from the Roosevelt Highway. (Note from the future: The Pines was a staple in Taft for many decades. It was remodeled in 1937, destroyed in 1976 by a fire, rebuilt only to burned down again in 2008. Currently there are plans to have a food truck court on the vacant property where this hotel once stood.)

## Rhododendron Festival Set for this Saturday

May, 1939

In commemoration of the coast's most outstanding flower, a celebration has been set aside by the North Lincoln Rhododendron Festival committee. Several community events will be presented, including an outstanding agate display, a seafood dinner, a presentation by Oregon State College on the conservation and propagation of rhododendrons, a golf tournament, and an inter-community musical will be performed. (Note from the future: The North Lincoln Rhododendron Festival, organized in Cutler City, ran from 1938-1942)



## Senator Nominates Taft Man For Courage

September, 1957

Senator Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon has nominated Russ Bailey, of Bailey's Moorage, to receive Treasury Department award for valor and courage for the 28 rescues he has performed in the Siletz Bay area. Bailey made his most recent rescue when he pulled two men and their Irish Setter from the waves on

the bar after their boat overturned. Senator Neuberger also called attention of the U.S. Coast Guard to the increased boating hazards and accidents during salmon fishing season at Siletz Bay. (Note from the future: Russ Bailey won the Silver Lifesaving Medal for saving three men out of the Siletz Bar in 1956. He was born in 1913 and passed away in 2002.)

## Lincoln's Statue Details Arranged

January, 1965

This large bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln astride a horse will be brought to Oregon. The statue was created by world-renowned sculptor Anne Hyatt Huntington. The statue is valued at 60,000 dollars. It will either be placed at the capitol grounds in Salem or in Kirtsis Park in Lincoln City. (Note from the future: When the area's communities came together in 1965 to become Lincoln City, their first Mayor, Ross Evans and chairman, Jerry Parks (owner of Pixie Kitchen) were instrumental in bringing this statue to Lincoln City. The statue remains in Kirtsis Park to this day.)





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