

Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Weather

(Courtesy Cottage Grove Lake Weather Station)

	High	Low	Pre.
July 7	82	46	
July 8	81	48	
July 9	81	50	06
July 10	70	49	
July 11	70	38	
July 12	75	42	

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It's Rodeo Time Again!

"The Chieftains" to Portray Indian Life Saturday and Sunday Evenings

Special lighting effects and live animals are only two of the many features which make this year's performance of "The Chieftains" bigger and better than ever before.

Written and produced by Robert S. Drenner, the tenth annual pageant will be presented Saturday and Sunday evenings in conjunction with the Cottage Grove Rodeo. Site of the production will be Horn's Grove, east of Saginaw.

The Cottage Grove Summer Concert band will furnish music beginning at 8:30 p.m. Preceding the program, Tom McAllister, member of the Oregon State Game Commission, will deliver a brief address. The pageant will begin as soon as it gets dark.

Starring the American Indian as the "First Conservationist," the pageant depicts Indian life from the beginnings. Tribes to be represented are the Iroquois, Winnebago, Sioux, Pawnee, Navajo, Pueblo, Calapooia, and Cheyenne. Authentic Indian music and art will be used.

Tickets for "The Chieftains" went on sale this week. Booths have been erected on Main street by members of the Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club, sponsors of the event. Tickets also may be purchased from any member of the Rod and Gun club, or at Maulding Motors, Wicks Electric, Edwards Outdoor Store, or Graber and Gettys Hardware store. Price of admission will be \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children under 12.

Horn's Grove may be reached by driving to Saginaw, turn right and cross railroad tracks, take first road to the left after the covered bridge, and follow for about a mile. There will be attendants to help park the cars in the 30 acre field.

Too Much Smoke In Smokehouse

A barbecue was held at 1238 Ash street Monday, but a good time was not had by all.

The host was Lefty Martin, the guests were members of the Cottage Grove fire department. Host Martin was prompted to invite the firemen when his smokehouse became over-heated and he saw that his meat was being cooked.

Firemen put out the blaze in short order, but not before \$200 worth of meat received the heat treatment. The loss was covered by insurance.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, July 15

- Buckaroo Breakfast** 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. At the rodeo grounds. All you can eat for a dollar.
- Rodeo Parade** 11 a.m. Line of march begins at intersection of west Main and I, east on Main to Eighth, south to Washington, west on Washington to Fifth, where parade will disband.
- Grand Entry** 1 p.m. Queen and court, accompanied by Lane County Sheriff's Posse and riding clubs, enter rodeo arena.
- Rodeo** 1:15 p.m. Fourth annual Cottage Grove Rodeo gets under way.
- Western Dance** 9 p.m. Good old-fashioned western-style dance at the Armory.
- "The Chieftains"** about 9 p.m. At Horn's Grove. Drive to Saginaw, cross tracks on right, cross covered bridge and turn left first road. Then follow the crowd.

Sunday, July 16

- Buckaroo Breakfast** 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. At the rodeo grounds. There will be plenty to eat for everyone.
- Horse Show** 10 a.m. Free horse show staged by Cottage Grove Riding club at rodeo arena. Everyone welcome.
- Grand Entry** 1 p.m. Queen and court parade in.
- Rodeo** 1:15 p.m. Second performance.
- "The Chieftains"** about 9 p.m. Second showing of the pageant. Begins after dark.

Pageant Started In 1937 Because Of a Skeet Shoot

It all started back in 1937 when he invited the Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club to his ranch for a skeet shoot. And that night a tradition was born.

After a hearty dinner following the shoot, the host thought he would entertain his guests with a pageant-like performance concerning the American Indian and his love of nature. So he rounded up a few of the young men, coached them briefly as to what he wanted them to do, and gave the show in front of the house with the audience on the front steps.

The host that evening was Robert S. Drenner and his guests liked the performance so much that they persuaded him to present it for the townspeople. Such were the beginnings of "The Chieftains."

Saturday and Sunday will be the tenth performance of the pageant, which has been given annually with the exception of several years during the war. Many of those who took a part in the first showing are still members of the cast.

Robert S. Drenner was born in a log cabin in Oswego, Kansas. Upon the death of his parents when he was three years old, his family separated and he was brought up by foster parents. He saw one of his brothers for the first time in 1938.

One of Drenner's first jobs was on a delivery wagon at \$6 a week. After completing the course in art at the University of Kansas, he attended Kansas State Teachers College to prepare for a teaching career. But World War I came along about that time and he got a job in the Oklahoma oil fields.

Soon he drifted into more artistic pursuits and turned to interior decorating with his base of operations in Oklahoma. Later he migrated to California where he spent 17 years decorating homes, theaters, and buildings. He also designed floats for many years for the Parade of Roses in Pasadena.

Tiring of the crowded conditions in California, Drenner headed for Oregon and the Cottage Grove area in 1934. He has been here ever since.

Drenner has a philosophy which he has tried to follow for many years: "We should live for other people instead of ourselves. We are responsible for the next generations and if we don't conserve nature and wildlife, we are stealing from them."

WEST END BANDITS SWIPE HOOSGOW

Highlighting the sessions of the Kangaroo court held at the Hoosgow, a jail made of chicken wire and located near the corner of 6th and Main was the theft of the Hoosgow by a number of west end bandits Saturday afternoon. The bandits were kind enough to leave a sign on the Ware car, telling of its whereabouts. Deputy Sheriffs Gene Ware and Art Weinstein with Prosecutor Neil Brown led a posse to recover the jail, which was accomplished after a considerable struggle. Several of the bandits were later impounded, but a few made their escape.

The Hoosgow was responsible for the sale of a number of rodeo tickets. The main complaint was that the pistol carried by Judge Bean, alias John Wells, which was used to open the court sessions, sounded more like a fire cracker than a .44.

The oldest of ten children of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bricher of Cottage Grove, Mary has a great love for horses. Her main hobby the past year has been to train her two year old stallion, Tam O'Shanter, known as "Tammy." In the parade, however, Mary will ride her father's horse, Julie Sabock, a seven year old part Arabian mare.

Gifted with a lovely singing



Queen Mary

—Photo Clark Studio

Here Are Weekend Attractions

Free Horse Show

A free horse show will be staged by the Cottage Grove Riding club at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rodeo arena.

Classes to be shown include Quarter horses, Arabians, Palominos, Morgans, and American Saddlebreds. First and second place ribbons will be awarded in each class for stallions, mares and geldings, and colts. In the stock horse class, which is open to all horses, ribbons will be presented to the top four place winners.

According to the rules of competition, stallions, and mares and geldings must be two years of age or older. Colts must be two years old or less.

There also will be a musical chair event and races. Open to all horses, the program of races will consist of a bareback race and a novelty race. The latter will be a walk, trot, run contest which means 1/4 mile walk, 1/4 mile trot, and 1/4 mile run around the arena.

E. O. Albritton and Bill Bayless will be judges. All horses are to be shown at halter with the exception of the stock horse class. There is no entry fee required.

Buckaroo Breakfast

Ham, bacon, eggs, hot cakes and coffee—all you can eat for a dollar.

It sounds like a fantastic offer, but that's what is in store for those who attend the Buckaroo Breakfasts Saturday and Sunday. Early risers and sleepy-heads will be able to enjoy the hearty meal since the hours of serving will be from 6 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast will be served by the Buckaroo committee on the east side of the grandstand at the Rodeo arena. Benches and booths will be available.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weldon are in charge of the committee, which also includes Mr. and Mrs. Chet Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Potter.

Appreciation for the loan of equipment is extended by the Riding club to Nichols Radio and Appliance for a refrigerator, to the Cottage Grove Gas Co. for gas burners, and to Brisbane Electric for freezers.

Rodeo Parade

Two queens and their courts will ride in the Rodeo Parade Saturday morning at 11 a.m.

In addition to Cottage Grove Rodeo Queen Mary Bricher and her court, Queen Susannah VII of the Eugene Trail Pageant and her princesses will participate. Queen Susannah VII is Helen Clark of Junction City. Her princesses are Dorothy Larson, Lola Cessun, Billie Harnden, Betty Joy Kimball, Glendene Knutson, and Elnora Nelson.

Participants in the parade will form near the intersection of west Main and I streets at 10:30 a.m. Garrett Lyon, chairman of the parade committee, will be there to direct the formation of the marching line.

The parade will begin at 11 p.m. and will proceed down Main street to Eighth, then over to Washington, and back down Washington to Fifth street, where the procession will disband.

Floats and marchers will appear in the following order: CGUHS band, color bearers, President Louis Caldwell of CG Riding club, Cecil Beck Motor Co., Bowser Brothers, General Petroleum, McCoy Motors, Union Oil Co., Hansen Bros., Floyd Githens Motor Co., Queen Susannah VII and princesses, Lane County Sheriff's Posse.

Brisbane Electric, Cottage Grove Gas Co., Wicks Electric, "The Chieftains" float, CG Fire department, Maulding Motors, Albee Pontiac, Creswell Riding club, Roberts and Drury, OK Rubber Welders and Sib's Radiator Service, Nichols Radio and Appliance, McCready Lumber Co., Sears Building Supply, Cottage Grove Motors, Yoncalla Riding club, Standard Oil Co., and miscellaneous riders.

(Further instructions for participants appear on page three of this section.)

All other business firms or individuals wishing to join the parade must have their entries in by 9 p.m. Friday.

City Prepares for Annual Celebration

Cottage Grove's two-day Rodeo and Pageant celebration will get under way this weekend as the city prepares for the largest number of visitors in recent history.

Beginning with the Buckaroo Breakfast at 6 a.m. Saturday, activities for young and old alike will be continuous through Sunday evening. In addition to the Rodeo, which is being put on by the Cottage Grove Riding club, and the pageant, "The Chieftains," sponsored by the Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club, there will be a parade, western dance, and horse show.

Rodeo Queen Mary Bricher and Princesses Jean Rickard, Dorothy Jackson, Kay Leonard, and Marge Whitsett will lead the parade on their horses. The parade will begin at the corner of I and West Main at 11 a.m. Saturday. (For further details, see parade story.)

Grand Entry at 1 p.m.

At 1 p.m. the queen and her court will make the Grand Entry to begin the rodeo. They will be accompanied by Louis Caldwell, president of the riding club, Lane County Sheriff's posse, and members of the riding clubs of Cottage Grove, Creswell, and Yoncalla.

The rodeo will consist of 18 events, including a new event called the Mad Scramble in which \$5 mount money will be paid to all men who will ride bucking horses that have never been ridden before. All horses are let loose at once.

Sheriff's Posse Will Drill

On Saturday only, the Lane County Sheriff's Posse will present its drill on horseback for which the posse is fast becoming famous. A surprise event will be substituted in the place of the posse on Sunday.

Six man teams from the Cottage Grove, Creswell, and Yoncalla riding clubs will compete in the saddle club flag race, with a \$10 prize awarded to the winning team each day.

Fifty dollar purses will be offered each day in the relay race and wild horse race. Three men are required for the wild horse race. Two of the men hold the horse in front of the stands, rather than in the chutes, while the third man saddles the horse and rides him to a given point. Only experienced riders compete in this event. The winning trio will receive \$25; second place, \$15; third place, \$10.

Bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, bull dogging, Brahma bull riding, and breakaway roping for amateurs also will be included on the program. Stock for the rodeo has been furnished by Christensen Brothers of Eugene.

"The Chieftains" and Dance Saturday Night

Visitors and townfolk will have the choice of two forms of entertainment Saturday night. Out at Horn's Grove, Robert S. Drenner, author and producer, will present the pageant, "The Chieftains." The performance, which will depict the American Indian as the "First Conservationist," will begin as soon as it gets dark. A concert by the Cottage Grove Summer band under the direction of Elwood Rickman will precede the pageant and will start at 8:30 p.m.

A real old-fashioned western dance with music supplied by the Arizona Ranchhands is the other alternative for Saturday evening. The dance will be held in the Armory and admission price is one dollar per person.

Hearty breakfasts await early-risers Sunday morning at the Buckaroo Breakfast which will be served from 6 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Ham, bacon, eggs, hot cakes, and coffee will comprise the menu. The Buckaroo Breakfast will also be served Saturday morning.

Free Horse Show Sunday Morning

At 10 a.m. Sunday the C. G. Riding club will present a horse show at the rodeo arena. Quarter horses, Arabians, Palominos, Morgans, and American Saddlebreds are the classes to be judged. There also will be a musical chair event and races. The horse show is open to the public and admission is free.

Repeat performance of the Rodeo will take place on Sunday, with the queen and court making the Grand Entry at 1 p.m. "The Chieftains" will have its second showing Sunday evening after dark.

HEWES CUTS LEG

Frank Hewes, Culp Creek resident painfully cut his right leg while sawing wood Thursday night. The saw inflicted a cut several inches long between the thigh and groin. He was taken to a Eugene hospital in the Mills ambulance.

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC TO BE HELD JULY 20

The child health clinic will be held July 20 between 1 and 3 p.m. in the public health rooms above Smith Electric Co. on Main street. Appointments may be made by calling 443L.

Program

COTTAGE GROVE RODEO

Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16

1. Grand entry, 1 p.m.
2. Mad scramble
3. Lane County Sheriff's Posse drill (Saturday only)
4. Bareback riding, first section
5. 1/4 mile free-for-all
6. Calf roping, first section
7. Bareback riding, second section
8. 3/4 mile free-for-all
9. Calf roping, second section
10. Flag race, saddle clubs competing
11. Saddle bronc riding, first section
12. Ribbon tying, Cottage Grove Riding club
13. Saddle bronc riding, second section
14. Bull dogging, first section
15. Relay race (Three horses, each running one lap.)
16. Bull dogging, second section
17. Wild horse race
18. Brahma bull riding

