

C of C to Honor O P & E in 'Cottage Grove Progress Day' Ceremonies April 12

Secretary to Christen New Diesel; Trips Thru Trains Feature Event

Time will catch up with "Slow and Easy" Saturday, April 12, when "Cottage Grove Progress Day" will honor inauguration of the Number 10 Spot, new O P & E diesel, and retirement of old Number 1 Spot, a steam locomotive.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event, which will feature christening ceremonies at 1 p.m. Following the ceremonies the public will be allowed to go through the old and new engines, and bright-colored balloons with

followed in his footsteps. Also present will be Phillip Glenn, general manager of the O P & E.

Jean Gilliland, attractive Chamber of Commerce secretary, will christen the new engine "The City of Cottage Grove." Mr. Glenn said that this would be the official name of the new diesel, which is bright orange color.

School Band
The high school band under the direction of Elwood Rickman will parade up and down Main street before ceremonies and will play at the O P & E yards. A portion of South 10th street will be roped off for spectators.

Father and Son
Others to be introduced will be R. P. Boyce Sr. and R. P. Boyce Jr., father who recently retired as general freight agent and auditor of the railroad, and son who has

up to the engines where the ceremonies will take place.

The new engine arrived this week from the East and is being put in shape by General Electric company representatives and the O P & E crews. Old Number 1 Spot pulled the new shiny engine into the yards from a siding Monday in its last show of power over the diesel.

Lose Old Friend

"It's like losing an old friend," said Harry Tennis, conductor. Harry has been with the railroad off and on since 1910 when he started on the section crew as a slight lad of 15.

C. H. "Red" Lechner, engineer, said he probably would have to go to school to learn how to run the new diesel.

"I have read this book over and over and still have a lot to learn," he said. He referred to an engine manual he kept carefully in his breast pocket, colored bright orange like the engine. (First run will be late this week to get acquainted with the sidings.)

An inspection tour with Harry and Red to the new engine bore out his fears. Gadgets galore with scientific sounding names looked very complicated. They pointed with pride to "the loudest and biggest horn we could get."

Horn Too High

As for the horn, it stuck up on top of the engine cab just far enough so the engine could not be put in the roundhouse by old Number 1 Spot. Seemed as if she was glad the shiny engine could not get in there.

Harry and Red reminisced about the railroad and "old times." Their favorite story turned out to be as follows:

"Funniest thing that ever happened," said Red, "was when old Jim Vashinder yelled to me one day, 'Hold her, hold her!' I couldn't figure out what could be the matter but I stopped her. Then Jim said, 'I sneezed and lost my false'

you gotta stop her till I fix 'em.'"

Loses Toupee
Then Harry remembered the story about Sim Brand and the time he lost his toupee in the wind up Row River way. They had to stop for that too.

A few sad tales go along with the road's growth. Harry recalled the time in 1910 that the engine, then "Old Four Spot," a wood burner, went through old Currin bridge with 17 or 18 commuters aboard. All were injured but none seriously. At that time the railroad hauled commuters twice a week and twice on Saturday.

He also remembered when Brand, engineer on the Eight Spot,

was killed in 1924 when the engine went through the Walden bridge. Also killed was Elmer Motter, brakeman.

Growth Told
Red, who has been with the road since 1926, said he remembered when only two mills were served besides hauling logs for the Anderson-Middleton mill that owned the road then. Now there are about 27 shippers along the 21 miles of road, with 10 more miles being built now to serve more mills.

Other crew members who will transfer to the diesel include Earl Land, fireman; George E. White and John Oviatt, brakemen.

The Weather

(Courtesy Cottage Grove Lake Weather Station)

	High	Low	Pre
April 3	54	34	.07
April 4	58	36	.01
April 5	76	42	
April 6	79	46	
April 7	63	33	
April 8	51	78	
April 9	63	32	

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Jury Brings 1st Degree Murder Indictment Against Belcher

A special grand jury returned an indictment of first degree murder at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday against Elmer Harlan Belcher, 15-year-old 8th grade Latham school boy, being held in the death of Mary Ellen Campbell blonde deaf-mute. Mary Ellen was killed last Friday night near her home on Blackbutte route.

The jury returned the indictment after about two days of hearing testimony in secret. Belcher was arraigned in circuit court at 2 p.m. Wednesday. He will enter a plea at a later date.

His attorney will be Herbert W. Lombard, who was retained by his parents.

The boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Belcher, was arrested early Sunday morning by state police and was charged with the shooting of the 18-year-old girl in the back with a .22 calibre pistol. According to District Attorney Ed Luckey, the boy explained that he did it because his schoolmates teased him about the girl's pregnancy. He has denied responsibility for her condition.

Services Held
Funeral services for Mary Ellen were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mills Mortuary with vault interment in Westlawn cemetery in Eugene. The Rev. Babston of Eugene officiated.

Mary Ellen, a near deaf-mute since birth, was found dead, face down, early Saturday morning in the brush near her home. The Belcher boy's father and his brother Kenneth found the body.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Campbell, the murdered girl's parents, left her at home Friday when they went to milk their cows about 6 p.m. They became concerned later that night when she did not return and a search party was formed.

Mary Ellen was born at Goshen on January 15, 1934 and resided in Oregon all of her life. She had lived near Cottage Grove the past two and a half years, coming from Coos Bay.

Surviving besides her parents are three sisters, June, Candace, Jean and Goldie Ruth, all at home; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Campbell of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Howard, Cottage Grove.

So. Lane Fire Area To Vote Budget 6th

Budget election for the Southern Lane County Rural Fire Protection District has been set for May 6 when voters in the district will pass on an \$8,549.58 budget.

This budget is only about \$250 over last year's. Raise is due to an increase in the sinking fund that buys equipment. The tax mill levy will be 2.8 mills.

Polls will be open at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Walker gym.

Budget committee members were R. C. Oster, chairman; William N. Snell, secretary; Marion Bridwell, Harry E. Skelton and John P. Walker.

Vivian Stock Named C. of C. Secretary

Mrs. Vivian Stock of 719 Birch has been appointed new Chamber of Commerce secretary by the board of directors. She will replace Jean Gilliland, who is moving to Salem.

Mrs. Stock will take over her job Monday, April 14. She is the former Vivian Berkemeyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Armstrong. She has been with her husband, Pfc. Paul Stock, for the past year at Ft. Townsend, Wash. where she was employed as a clerk and typist at a cleaning and laundry establishment. She formerly worked in Cottage Grove for Mason Real Estate.

Vets' Bonus Bonds To Be Bid April 23

Date of sale of \$46,000,000 of Oregon World War II veterans' bonus bonds has been set for April 23, William F. Gaarenstroom, state director of Veterans' Affairs, has announced.

The date was selected after consultation by the director with State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson and Deputy Treasurer Fred H. Paulus, both of whom conferred recently with investment bankers in New York City.

The bonus bond bids will be opened in the office of the veterans' affairs director at 10:30 a.m. April 23. Gaarenstroom said that if an acceptable bid is received, bonus payments should get under way by July 1.

These are the steps which must be taken between now and July 1:

1. Advertising the bonds.
2. Opening the bids on April 23. Paulus and Pearson reported on their return from New York that prospects for a ready sale of the bonds appear good. Paulus stated the cancellation of a scheduled April 15 sale of \$175,000,000 in federal public housing bonds should enhance the sale of the bonus bonds.
3. Printing, sealing and examining the 46,000 bonds, which will be in \$1,000 denominations. This will take approximately two months' time.

Bonds to Be Ready
At any rate, the bonds should be ready for delivery to the buyer not later than July 1, counting the estimated two days it will require Pearson to sign the bonds. He will go East to do this job, which will be accomplished on a device which enables making 18 manual signatures simultaneously.

As soon as the bonds are delivered and the bond syndicate turns the cash over to the state treasurer, bonus payments will start, because Secretary of State Earl Newberry has assured the veterans' department of his cooperation in preparing checks for as many of the approved claims in advance of July 1 as possible.

An estimated \$31,000,000 of bonus claims of about 75,000 applicants will have been approved by that date, although it will take some time to issue checks for such a large amount, even after the bonus money is in the department's hands.

None of the veterans whose claims have been or will be approved, have been so notified, according to Gaarenstroom. Therefore, in most cases the veteran who has applied and received a bonus number and who receives no further communication from the bonus (Continued on page 6)

Legion to Rebuild Cottage Grove Lake Dive Tower, Float

The American Legion has taken as its spring project rebuilding of the diving tower and float at the Cottage Grove Lake recreational area.

This tower and float have been in disrepair for several seasons. Committee working on the project is composed of Charles Miller, who is an assistant at the dam, chairman; Vinal Randall Jr. and J. S. Crepeau, Legion members will cooperate to do the building themselves. Donations will be received to help defray expenses.



Getting acquainted with their new friend, the "City of Cottage Grove" diesel, is Harry Tennis, left, conductor, and C. H. "Red" Lechner, engineer. First run this week will be merely to try her out and get used to how she fits in at the various sidings along the 21 miles of road east of town. She will be shined up and ready for inspection crowds on Saturday.

Good Friday, Easter Sunrise Services Planned for Public

The program for public Easter Sunrise Services to be held at 6 a.m. April 13 at the high school football field has been announced. Youth groups of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches are planning the event.

A breakfast at 7:30 p.m. at the Baptist church will follow the sunrise services. In case of rain they will be held in the stands at the field.

The program is as follows: Prelude of organ music by Mary Lou Wolfard.

Call to Worship, Larry Grewelle. Invocation, Phyllis Higdon. Hymn.

Scripture, Bob Tank. Vocal Solo, Jim Grewelle. Address, Rev. William Sutterlin. Hymn.

Benediction, Rev. William Sutterlin. Barbara Laird will lead the songs. Mary Lou Wolfard at the organ.

Vote Registration Deadline April 15

With Tuesday, April 15, the final day for residents to register to vote in the May 16 primary, the Sentinel again lists the nine places in Cottage Grove and vicinity that are serving as registering centers.

1. Mrs. Max Bird in the State Farm Insurance office on Main street.
2. Judge John Wells in Justice Court, 731 Main street.
3. C. A. Hosman, office of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers Union, Local 2627, 615 Main street.
4. Ward's Grocery and Service Station, Knox Hill.
5. Viola Cruson, Silk Creek.
6. Ray Steele, Dorena.
7. Getty Store, Saginaw.
8. W. H. Mitchell Service Station, Lorane.

Those who must register are persons who have not voted in a county election within two years, who have moved, whose mailing address has been changed or whose name has been changed.

GITHENS MOTORS RECEIVES AWARD FOR FOURTH YEAR

Floyd Githens Motors, Inc. and its 45 employees for the fourth straight year have been honored by the Ford Motor Company with a 4-letter dealer award. The award is given for excellence in four fields—finance, management, spirit and facilities.

JC's Name Prizes For Fish Contest

Plans for the Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored trout fish derby April 19 to 29 were underway this week, with prizes announced by Robert Blackwell, derby chairman.

First prize in the adult class will be a Mitchell spinning reel, and first prize for children will be a Philueger level wind reel and telescope rod. Second prize for adults is a Wicker creel, with second prize for children a trout fishing bag.

Mr. Blackwell said he urged all those who wanted to participate in the fish contest to register as soon as possible at one of the following places: Chamber's Outdoor Store, Webb's Hardware, Pioneer Hardware, Coast-to-Coast Store and O'Brien's store at Culp Creek.

These stores also will act as weighing stations.

Registration fees are 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. Awards will go for the biggest fish caught during the contest in the Coast Fork and its tributaries, including Row River, Dorena Lake, Cottage Grove Lake and their tributaries.

Blackwell said that weather should be good for fishing and that fishing itself looked good. "There have been cut throat trout in local streams over 20 inches and some salmon in Row River," he said.

Last year, Blackwell said, about 700 cars were at Dorena dam for opening of fishing season.

Home, Motel Blazes Do \$15,000 Damage

Two fires doing damage totaling \$15,000 were fought this week by the Cottage Grove fire department.

Fire Tuesday morning did about \$11,000 damage to the home and household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holliday across from Dorena Grange hall.

Early Sunday fire destroyed one cabin and damaged two others at Robbins Rest on Highway 99 South, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Widger.

No one was home when the blaze broke out at the Holliday home. A neighbor, Mrs. Ted Hudson, turned in the alarm. The tank truck used in rural fires was at Cuts Bros. garage for repairs and had to be assembled quickly to answer the call. It aided in saving part of the home, but broke down on the way back to town and had to be towed.

Cause of the fire was unknown. Loss at the Robbins Rest fire was estimated at \$3,000. Also the personal belongings of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Perry, occupants of one of the cabins, were destroyed. They were away on trip at the time of the fire. Occupant of another damaged cabin also was away for the week end.

Losses in both blazes were covered by insurance.

SEN. AND MRS. ESTES KEFAUVER TO BE IN PORTLAND APRIL 10TH

Senator and Mrs. Estes Kefauver will arrive in Portland today at 12:40 p.m. and Senator Kefauver is scheduled to make several public appearances. A public reception will be held for Senator Kefauver and wife from 7 to 8 p.m. and his visit to Portland will be culminated by a public rally to be held at the Benson high school auditorium beginning at 8:30 p.m. at 546 NE 12th avenue.

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC 17TH

The child health clinic will be held April 17 between 1 and 3 p.m. in the health rooms above Smith Electric. For appointment call 443L.

CRISWELL ISSUES CALL

An urgent call has been sent out from Creswell this week for blood donors from the Cottage Grove area to help the neighboring town in its drive for plasma on April 23. A Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Creswell high school from 2 to 6 p.m. that day.

City Council:

Sets Budget Election May 2; Okays Sale of Sewer Bonds; Acts on Local 'Dog Menace'

Cottage Grove's dog problem was highlighted at City Council Monday night when two mothers appeared to protest the packs of dogs numbering up to 14 that roamed their neighborhood and threatened the safety of children.

Mrs. Delores Byrd and Mrs. Harold Neal, who live on Ash avenue near the west city limits, told councilmen that people from the outside areas dumped their dogs in that neighborhood and they formed dangerous packs, often actually attacking children.

City councilmen instructed Municipal Judge Don Allen to levy the limit of \$25 authorized by the charter as a fine against dog owners before they can redeem dogs picked up and impounded.

One councilman suggested the city pass an ordinance outlawing dogs in the city limits, but councilmen agreed this could not be done as the Humane Society would object.

"The Humane Society should send someone down to take care of the dog problem then," a councilman remarked.

Police Helping

Police Chief Ed Jones said the department was doing all it could to pick up dogs running at large. This is enforcement of an ordinance saying it is unlawful for dogs, even licensed ones, to run at large during certain months of the year.

"It is hard to catch these dogs, especially the wild ones," he said. He and the two women agreed that many dogs were wild because they were hungry, having been abandoned by their owners.

The fine that has been levied up to now is only \$2.50. The charter states it can be from \$2 to \$25. A call also went out for a full-time dog catcher, and councilmen authorized the police department to hire one at a salary that "will make it worth his while."

Councilmen indicated \$5 a head would not be too much to pay.

Catcher Lacking

Up to now no catcher has stayed on the job due to the low income of the job. (He gets the \$2.50 remedying fee.) Also the few that have been on the job have backed down when it came to disposing of dogs that were not claimed by owners. They have been impounded at the city barn and police recently have been forced to shoot dogs left there over five days.

"The police have used up two boxes of shells on them already," Allen said.

"We are actually afraid for the safety of our children," one of the women said. "The other day I counted 14 dogs having a big fight."

Councilmen felt that upping the fine to the limit and paying a dog catcher \$5 a head might solve the problem.

Spinning Outfit Is Offered Free by Grove Motor Co.

A spinning outfit is offered free with the purchase of a new or used car from the Cottage Grove Motor Co. The offer is made thru the courtesy of the Chambers Outdoor Store. The outfit consists of a glass pole, reel and line and is popular with the fishermen.

The offer should be particularly appealing since the opening of the fishing season is only a few days away.

Construction of the \$220,000 sewage disposal plant on a city site northeast of town will probably get underway this summer with City Council Monday approving plant specifications and authorizing sale of bonds for the system.

A total of \$300,000 in bonds will be bid at a date to be set soon. A bond prospectus will be prepared by the Corvallis engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield. Bids on the bonds and construction work will be accepted at the same time. A meeting will be held by the council on April 14 to discuss the plans further.

Priority Received

Don Allen, city recorder, announced that priority had been received from Washington to purchase scarce materials for the plant.

An ordinance will be prepared by the City Attorney to authorize the sale of bonds. The \$300,000 will pay for the plant, a pumping station and some trunk line sewers.

Water to Wait

City Council in other action voted to hold in abeyance a bond issue for the new water system. This may be held in November. However new water and sewer rates will go into effect July 1.

Nothing was said about the charter amendment to allow fines to be raised to \$500. This may also hold over until November.

Council passed an ordinance authorizing stop signs at the north and south intersections of Taylor and Sixth streets. Fine for failure to stop will be not more than \$100.

Contract Cancelled

Council also passed an ordinance cancelling officially the old 1940 contract with the W. A. Woodard Lumber Co. that furnished water for fire protection to the company and that also furnished the city with standby water.

Council said the agreement with the company will be signed when a substitute contract can be made up.

Floyd Githens requested that the grade school district No. 45 be allowed to manage city-owned Kelly Field during the summer for the midge baseball program. City okayed this.

Old Dorena School Offered for Sale To Highest Bidder

The Portland District, Corps of Engineers, has offered for sale to the highest bidder a frame school building within the Dorena Dam reservoir five miles east of Cottage Grove.

Bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. April 17 in the office of Colonel Thomas H. Lipscomb, Portland District Engineer, 628 Pittcock Block, Portland, Oregon.

The successful bidder will be required to remove the building from the area by May 15, 1952. The frame structure is 24 by 33 feet, ceiled, painted and with a porch on the west side six by 16 feet. The structure contains two small cloak rooms and a brick chimney on brackets. It is on a field rock foundation.

Persons interested in inspecting the structure should contact the Resident Engineer at Dorena Dam, Post Office Box 992, Eugene, telephone Eugene 4-4081, or phone 272 at Cottage Grove.

A special election will be held in Cottage Grove on May 2 when citizens will vote to accept or reject the city's 1952-53 budget which exceeds the 6 per cent limitation by \$41,805.70.

City Council in regular session Monday night okayed the May 2 date set by the City Attorney for the election. Total budget for the coming fiscal year starting July 1 is \$135,935.92, as compared with \$108,834 for the past year. The amount over the 6 per cent limitation is about \$10,000 over last year's amount of \$33,939. This is due to the sum being put in a sinking fund for construction of a new West Main street bridge.

Bridge Sinking Fund
Total bridge sinking fund is \$18,000, with \$8,000 having been taken from street construction, maintenance and repair funds. These funds in turn will be supplemented by state highway gas tax refunds.

Don Allen, city recorder, said that the gas receipts will be about \$19,000 for the coming year.

The budget, which remains high even after the general fund was pared about \$11,000 to get within the 1 per cent limitation, means about a 25 mill levy.

General Fund Cut
Under the budget to be voted city employees will not get a requested 8 per cent cost of living wage raise, and some other items were cut. Councilmen are considering putting a charter amendment on the ballot next November to do away with the limitation on the general fund. Under the old 1900 charter the amount to be raised by taxes for the general fund cannot exceed 1 per cent of the assessed valuation.

At a recent session of the League of Oregon Cities held in Eugene Cottage Grove city delegates were told that the 1 per cent theory was "antiquated" and that most cities had done away with it long ago.

(See details of city budget elsewhere in this paper.)

Society Hi Jinks Entertains Crowd At Senior Play

By Rosemary Rickard
"Park Avenue Firecracker" might well have been the title of the Senior Class play, "Lady Be Good," staged in the high school auditorium Friday, April 4, in which Carolyn Moore played the spoiled, hot-tempered and demanding lead, Patience Colt.

The daughter of a successful business man, John Colt, played by Doyle Higdon, Patience succeeded in baffling her shrewd father as she caused undesirable publicity with such escapades as stealing milk trucks and running away with the butler, while lavishly spending money and driving the servants away with her hot temper.

Bill Trainer, played by Wes Malcolm, the milk truck driver who lost his job due to Patience's latest escapade, appeared as the butler, Jennings (Ray Chapman) gave notice, and was mistakenly hired by Patience.

Defies Father
Patience defied her father who was forcing her to marry George Gresham, (Bob Kelly) a pompous, young man with high business aspirations, by seeking this opportunity.

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