

The Weather

(Courtesy Cottage Grove Lake Weather Station)

	High	Low	Pre.
June 19	78	34	.00
June 20	80	47	.00
June 21	63	49	.15
June 22	65	48	.00
June 23	65	52	.37
June 24	61	50	.04
June 25	71	52	.22

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Rain Delays Play Program

The summer youth recreation program set to begin this week got a temporary setback from old man weather, with the city park program the only one getting underway on Tuesday.

A park supervisor opened activities there that afternoon. The swimming program at Cottage Grove lake was called off on account of rain and cold weather and will start the first sunny day. Bob Dusenberry, of the Cottage Grove recreation committee, said he had hoped the swimming could start Wednesday, but the day proved too cloudy and cool. He said children would be taken the first good day, with a bus to leave Jefferson school at 1 p.m. and another at 2 p.m.

Dance Postponed

The first teen-age dance set for Friday night, June 27, at the Jefferson school playshed also was postponed. Dusenberry said the playshed was too cold for a dance and that Jefferson gym could not be used because of construction work going on there.

Weather permitting the touch football program will begin at 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 30, at the high school.

European Mountain Climbing Pictures To Be Shown 27th

Free color movies, "Motoring and Climbing in the Alps," will be shown at 8 p.m. Friday, June 27 in the Cottage Grove high school auditorium under the sponsorship of the American Legion.

The films will be shown by Don M. Woods of San Jose, Calif., former local resident. He took the movies while on a trip to Europe last summer. Mr. Woods also will show some Kodachrome slides.

They depict 3,000 miles of driving an American made car over Europe and visiting France, Germany, Austria, Italy and Switzerland.

Mr. Woods said he had visited 24 climbing huts in the mountains of four countries and made 18 summits of more or less difficult peaks, many of them very well known, such as the Matterhorn, 14,780 feet in elevation; Mont Blanc, 15,781 feet, highest peak in the Alps; also Monte Rosa, 15,288 feet.

Climbs in Italy

He relates he made three rock climbs in the Dolomites of Italy, as well as four in Austria, including Grossglockner, highest peak in Austria. He said he and his party visited several climbing regions in Switzerland and climbed the Eiger near the Jungfrau.

The most difficult climb according to Woods, was a traverse of the Chamois-Grepon in France, near Mont Blanc.

Woods was born in Cottage Grove and attended grade and high school here. His father was the late LeRoy Woods, formerly of Cottage Grove.

Many audiences have viewed the colored films and slides, which have been called among the best travelogues shown. He will speak in Eugene June 26.

Lookout Stations Manned in Area; Alert Week Named

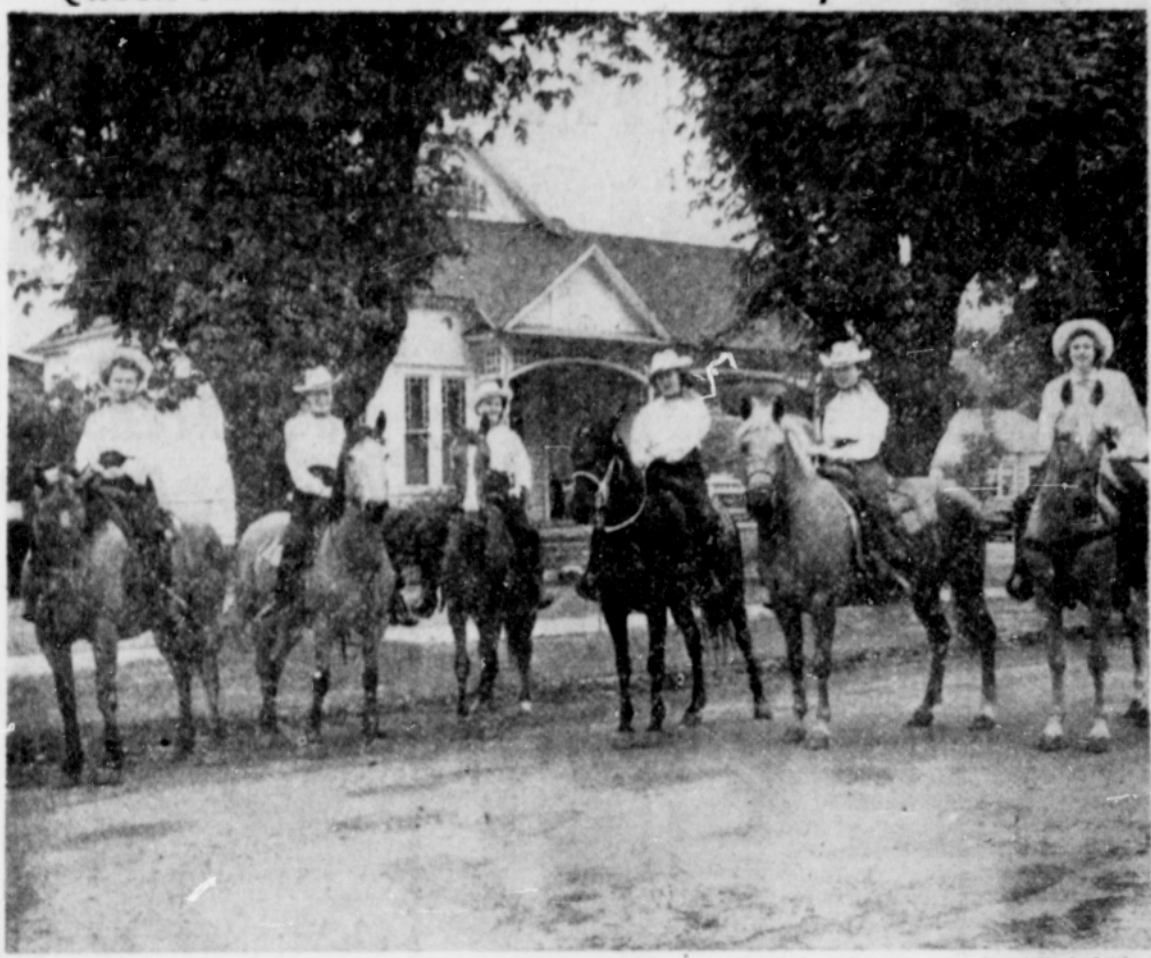
Lookout stations in the Cottage Grove area were being manned this week with the advent of the fire season and alert week for Keep Oregon Green. However, heavy rains and cold weather have lessened any danger from fire temporarily. This might change following a few days of sunny weather.

Local people manning stations include Dee Anderson, Cottage Grove, Fairview lookout; Jim Plaisted, Dorena, June Mt.; Buddy VanBlaricom, Cottage Grove, a member of the headquarters suppression crew; Frank Wilson, Disston, packer, and Marie Hogue, Disston, clerk.

Forestry Students
Forestry students include George Householder, Syracuse, N. Y., who will be at Silica lookout; Carl Westrate, San Bernardino, Calif., at Canton Pt. lookout; Norman Holgerson, Syracuse, Musik fireman; Richard Wilburn, San Bernardino, headquarters fireman, and Jim Craine, of Syracuse, a member of the slash crew.

Others include Vernon Eschelman, Eugene, Swastika lookout; Judd Wilson and Robert Parker. (Continued on Page 3)

Queen Candidates and Mounts Line Up for Parade



—Photo Clark Segda

Six queen contestants for the sixth annual Cottage Grove Rodeo July 19 and 20 line up their mounts prior to the parade last Saturday, which was official kick-off to ticket sales campaign. Girls get points toward queenship for selling rodeo shirts and wide brimmed hats are (from left to right) Sydney Dobbins, Barbara Forsythe, Pat Pennington, Alpha Lee, Shirley Boone and Carolyn Moore. All are of Cottage Grove except Alpha, who hails from Creswell.

Entries Sought For Drive Test

Contestants were being sought this week to enter the Junior Chamber of Commerce safe driving tests to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at the course just south of Githens Lincoln-Mercury agency.

The tests are part of a national safety program being conducted by the J.C.'s. Winner will go to the state tests in Portland in July.

All those interested in entering are urged to register at the Githens agency or with Gene's Auto Service on South 10th street. Gene Cutts is contest chairman.

Eligibility Rules

To be eligible entrants must have a license or learner's permit and must have not reached their 20th birthday before August 23, date of the national contest finals.

Expenses will be paid the winner at the state contest, with other prizes to be given second and third place winners. Judges will decide winners and will test on parking, distance perception, and general ability to handle a car.

Persons will not be eligible to enter if they have had any traffic citations against them during the past six months.

Train Demolishes Dairy Route Truck

A Grove Maid dairy delivery truck was completely demolished Wednesday in a collision with an SP train at a private crossing north of town. Wesley Naish, driver of the dairy route truck, jumped after his vehicle stalled on the tracks and escaped possible injury.

According to the train engineer, C. R. Oakes of Eugene, the truck stalled at the crossing after having driven out in front of the train. The train stopped after dragging the vehicle about 100 feet. Although Naish had left to continue his route when police arrived, Charles Roberts, assistant police chief, said Oakes told him the boy admitted he had not looked carefully before going onto the tracks. Visibility was good, according to Roberts. The truck was headed west at the crossing, near Chezem's Saw Shop, when the incident occurred.

Roberts said that the damage was covered partly by insurance. No citations were issued.

Third Incident

This is the third accident within a short time between SP trains and private vehicles. A Standard Oil company car was demolished at the crossing at Sixth and Quincy recently after it had stalled on the tracks. A Woodard Lumber Co. truck driver was killed Saturday at the crossing near the mill after his vehicle was hit by a train.

Shriners To Hawk Peanuts and Pop

The Shrine club funsters with an eye on the rodeo crowd this week named committees for the concessions at the annual event July 19-20 at the grounds south of town.

Joe Throop will handle sale of novelties for kids and adults. Peanuts, a necessity at any show, will be handled by Warren Hansen. Charles Bozell will sell the ice cold pop.

Pat Rickard is lining up his crew to hawk the wares of all the concessions.

The Buckaroo Breakfast will be served both mornings with Lloyd Griggs and Francis Horn as a team to put it on and operate the hamburger stand.

Cigar Shaped Ship New Saucer Story

Another story of flying saucers was told in Cottage Grove this week. The Sentinel received a letter from travelers from Springfield, Ill., who claimed they saw a cigar shaped silver ship surrounded by a red light just south of Cottage Grove on Highway 99 at 1 a.m. June 19.

Faye Seward and Jack Atterbury, father and son, who said they were travelling to California, stated in the letter that about two or three miles south of Cottage Grove "we sighted directly ahead of us, between two hills skyward, an odd light — red but not bright, turning out of sight and reappearing. Closer observation, as we slowed down to look, revealed the front end, or nose, of a huge, cigar shaped ship, silver it almost looked like aluminum. It seemed to be cruising, or turning about end to end in such a light manner, that it was confusing."

Surrounded by Glow
"We stopped the car and watched this ship for at least one half hour. We saw it broadside, front nose and rear, from all angles. It was amazingly large, not bright, and surrounded by a glow that you had to look into to see the ship."

"However, when we first saw it, we did not see the glow. We saw the ship. But as we got into the car and started away, we could still see it plainly, but the glow appeared and you seemed to have to look into it."

"This ship was not high in the sky. Once when it nosed our direction, it loomed so large and looked so close and massive I actually screamed, because I knew I was looking at something 'Out of This World.'"

The writers went on to ask whether or not we had had any other reports of the sight near Cottage Grove that night. The Sentinel has not had any such reports and agrees with the writers, if what they saw was true, that it was "a strange experience." Or could it have been the Ward Butte beacon?

Kickoff Parade For July Rodeo Held Saturday

The sixth annual Cottage Grove rodeo celebration, which highlights the month of July, got underway Saturday with the kickoff parade to introduce six queen contestants to the public.

Ticket sales had gotten started a week earlier with the parade postponed to allow more candidates to enter the contest.

Announcement also was made this week that anyone interested in entering a float in the second rodeo parade to be held Saturday morning, July 19, is to contact Lee Nichols, float chairman. The attractive floats are always a major part of each year's parade.

Special request went out for the old fashioned two-wheeler bicycle that was such a hit in last year's parade. No one seemed to know who had ridden it last year.

The parade Saturday started on West Main street and was led by Ed Pyeatt, president of the Cottage Grove Riding club, sponsor of the annual event. He was followed by flag bearers, Louis Caldwell and Louis Dodge. A band, made up of about 40 grade and high school students, provided music for the event.

The queen candidates rode next single file, with sponsors' cars following. Members of the Riding club on their mounts and other riders made up the balance of the parade.

The group came down Main to Eighth, went around the block and back to Sixth where traffic was stopped while Lee Nichols in his sound car introduced Mr. Pyeatt and the candidates.

The girls will continue the ticket sales campaign until July 11, with the winner to be crowned queen at the annual ball on July 12 at the Armory.

Band Rehearsals To Begin June 30

The city's summer band program will start Monday, June 30, with rehearsals to be held at the Jefferson school band room under the direction of Ted Havlicek, new grade school instructor.

Preparatory band will meet at 9 a.m., intermediate at 10 a.m. and advanced at 11 a.m. The advanced band will be made up of all high school students and those who graduated from the eighth grade this spring.

Intermediate band will be all grade school students who have played for more than one year. Preparatory band will be made up of those who have played one year or less.

Rehearsals will be held in preparation for the band's appearance at the Albany Timber carnival on July 3. Members of the advanced and intermediate bands will attend.

Truck-Train Accident Fatal To J. Lickiss

A Cottage Grove man was killed instantly about 12:25 p.m. Saturday when the truck he was driving for the Woodard Lumber Company was struck by a southbound Southern Pacific train. He was John Willis Lickiss, 43, of Blackbutte route. The accident occurred at the mill crossing about three miles south of town.

Deputy Coroner Robert Mills reported that this was the third serious accident and the third fatality at the crossing in the last five and one-half years. One previous accident resulted in two deaths and the other in a serious injury.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Lickiss at 1 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, June 24, at the Mills Funeral Home in Coos Bay. Interment was in Sunset Memorial cemetery at Coos Bay. Mills Mortuary of Cottage Grove was in charge of arrangements.

Engineer Sounded Whistle

F. A. Churchill of Eugene, engineer of the southbound train, stated to Mills that his train was traveling about 25 miles an hour and that he had properly sounded the whistle of the engine upon approaching the crossing. He said that he did not see the truck until the engine was entering the crossing at which time the truck appeared in front of the engine on the crossing. He immediately applied the emergency brakes to the train and brought the train to a complete halt after traveling approximately 12 car lengths.

J. G. Graf of Eugene, fireman, stated to Mills that he had seen the truck traveling south on the private road to the east and parallel with the tracks. He turned to look at water gauges and upon looking back observed the truck entering on the crossing directly in the path of the engine.

The truck was thrown off the right-of-way into the ditch and Lickiss was thrown from the cab of the truck and the entire train (Continued on Page 3)

BEG PARDON

Readers who follow the offerings of the local real estate brokers may have thought it rather peculiar that George Marksbury, real estate broker, offered a rather elaborate one room house in his ad of last week. As a matter of fact, the one room house happened to be a one bedroom house. The type gremlins were responsible for the error.

City Council:

Starts \$40,000 Street Project, Grants City Crews Wage Raises

Wage raises and vacation with pay were granted city employees of the street, water, sewer and park departments working on an hourly basis by city councilmen Monday night.

Council voted to grant the increases following recommendation of a special committee that met with employees following council session June 16 in an effort to reach an agreement. Original request for cost of living raises was asked earlier in June when employees appeared in a body at council meeting.

The hourly raises for a 40-hour week for most of the men mean 10 cents, or a raise from \$1.35 to \$1.45. Head street man was raised from \$1.35 to \$1.55, with the foreman to get \$1.65 where he formerly received \$1.50. The raises will be effective July 1.

The head street man and foreman of the crews were present at the session to hear the council's decision.

Vacation With Pay

Also in the new plan will be two weeks vacation with pay for all employees who have had 12 months continuous service.

Asked by the Mayor if the wages were in line with other cities, one member of the council said, "We are still under some cities."

However, another councilman said, with time and a half for overtime the wages would equal those paid in some other cities. Richard Thwing, reporting to the council on wage findings, said Drain paid \$1.85 and \$1.90 per hour, with Springfield paying a flat \$250 per month. Eugene's base rate was \$1.615 per hour.

Others Denied Raises

Other city employees, including members of the police and fire departments, were denied cost of living wage raises when the budget committee met this spring. Salaries of these employees come in the general fund, where a 1 per cent limitation prevented increases. Amendment of this limitation will be put to the vote of the people in November.

According to City Recorder Don Allen there is enough in the budget recently passed to allow for the wage raises for city crews in the other departments.

Legal Action Begun To Put Water Bond Question on Ballot

City Council in other action Monday night heard from Richard Thwing, acting city attorney, about legal steps that must be taken to call a water bond authorization issue election.

Council had voted unanimously at the session on the 16th to put a \$275,000 water bond issue to the people at a special election this summer. Thwing said that an initiative petition signed by at least 30 legal voters of the city must be filed with the city recorder in order to call the election. The election will be in the form of a charter (Continued on Page 3)

Crepeau Awarded Bank Construction

Contract for the construction of the new home of the First National Bank was awarded here Wednesday morning to the J. S. Crepeau Construction Co. Low bid for the building was approximately \$120,000.

The structure will occupy a site at Fifth and Main streets and will be 92 feet long by 68 feet wide. The building will be one story and will be made of reinforced concrete with face brick. Parking facilities will be provided at the rear of the building. A unique feature of the proposed structure will be facilities for drive-in banking with a bullet proof window.

Bids Opened

Bids were submitted to the First National Bank Friday and were called today. Crepeau said Wednesday that his contract was in the mail and that he expected to start work on the building site probably Monday. The Signal Service station will be razed as the initial start of the project, followed by excavation work for the foundation.

The building is expected to be completed within about six months.

Following remonstrance from less than one fourth of property owners City Council Monday night laid the ground work for a \$40,000 paving and improvement project of South Tenth and Taylor streets.

The project, to be financed thru the Bancroft bonding system, will get underway this summer. Bids on the job will be opened at 8 p.m. Monday, July 14 at council session.

A remonstrance against the paving because of excessive costs that they claimed would work a hardship against them was signed by five property owners on Taylor with a frontage of 1,026 feet. This was only about one fourth of the total frontage, according to City Engineer L. W. Coiner. The street area to be improved totals 3,891 feet, he said.

Cost Estimated

Cost of the project to property owners was estimated at about \$10 a foot, which can be paid on the installment plan. The job is to be completed by October 14. Coiner said he believed it could be done in a much shorter time.

Original petition to pave the streets was submitted to the council last month by over two-thirds of property owners on the two streets. Largest area to be served will be that of the Harrison and Cottage Grove high schools.

Council approved the specifications prepared by the city engineer, which he said were in line with highway department specifications. He said concrete curbs and gutters and drainage tile would have to be installed and the streets properly graded.

SELLS LOCAL RANCH

F. B. VanNortwick has announced the sale this week of his 50-acre Grade A dairy farm in Delight Valley to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Woods, retired Army officer of Divide. The Woods plan to move about July 1. L. R. VanNortwick has been running the dairy farm for his father.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR NAMED

Mrs. Jeanne Morton was re-elected as director of School District No. 141 in a special election held Monday at the high school. She received all of the 28 votes cast.

Local Veterans Receive Bonus Checks . . . One a Birthday Present



—Sentinel Photo

Ramon Fuller had a triple celebration on June 19—he received his bonus check, celebrated his 30th birthday and was installed that night as new commander of the local American Legion post. Postal carriers June Manbeck (right) and her sister, Jennie, (left) delivered the check.

Ray said number 19 has turned up many times in his life. His father, Manley, was discharged from the army after World War I on June 19, 1919, and Ramon was born on June 19, 1923. Other 19's in his life were entering boot camp on September 19, 1942; boarding ship on October 19, 1944 and hitting Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. He was almost married on August 19, 1943, but his wife, Jean, formerly of Eugene, had traveled to Norfolk, Va. and was so tired from her trip they postponed the wedding one day.

Court Fines Men On Driving Charge

Durad C. Lytle, 45, of Eugene, was fined \$100 in municipal court Monday on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. Lytle had been employed as a cook for a short time at the Rutland ranger station.

Complaint against the man was signed by A. E. McKenzie, who said he had followed his car all the way from Eugene Sunday. Lytle was arrested near Hesse's grocery and lodged in jail.

Another man was fined \$100 in municipal court and had his license suspended for one year Saturday on the same charge. He was Thomas McBroom, 50, of South Tenth street. He was arrested on the 14th by Don Sweeney, local police officer, and released on \$250 bail.

Lack of Evidence

Another case was dismissed for lack of evidence in Judge Don Allen's court Monday against Loyal Kay Bahrick, 18, who spent Sunday night in jail. A complaint of reckless driving was signed against (Continued on Page 3)



—Sentinel Photo

First bonus check delivered in Cottage Grove last Thursday went to Norman Shires, (left) barber at the Square Deal barber shop. Fred Langston Jr. (right) of the post office delivered the check. Several hundred were delivered here the first day of the mailing. Shires served 33 months in the Navy, 23 of them in the Pacific and European theaters. Langston, a veteran himself, had not yet received his check when this picture was taken, but expected to soon. He served in the states with the Army air force.

OPS ANALYST TO MEET WITH LOCAL CONTRACTORS AT CITY HALL JUNE 26

OPS business analyst Ralph Smith of the Portland district office will hold a general meeting in Cottage Grove, Thursday, June 26 for local contractors and members of the construction trades.

Smith will answer questions on price rules affecting their business in the council chambers of the City Hall at 9 a.m. daylight time.

AIDS POLICE FORCE

Sgt. Mike Hunter, who is home on leave from the Army air force, is on temporary duty here as a city police officer to help out in the absence of Ed Jones, chief of police. Sgt. Hunter is to report July 7 at Camp Kilmer, N. J. and then is scheduled to leave for France to serve with an air police unit. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left Wednesday by train for Wisconsin to visit the chief's family.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs as of Monday had mailed out 44,424 bonus payments to living World War II veterans and next of kin, and said that payments henceforth will be made daily at an average rate of 1500 until a backlog of 30,000 claims is wiped out.

But the week end rush of mailing bonuses starting last Wednesday was not all smooth sailing, according to William F. Gaarenstroom, director of Veterans' Affairs.

"An unknown number of veterans received the wrong bonus checks," Gaarenstroom said. "It's one of those things that just happen when you're running thousands of bonus checks through a machine. We are sorry it happened, and we urge every veteran who received somebody else's bonus payment to return it to the bonus division in Salem immediately."