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How Can We Rate Cottage Grove?

Recently a magazine, the Town Journal printed a questionnaire on how to rate a city or town and the questionnaire was reprinted by the Kiwanis Magazine. The questionnaire has created quite a bit of interest in other sections of the country.

No questionnaire is fool proof, but if you can answer to 30 of the 40 questions then our city is on the ball. If not then something should be done about the situation. Here are the questions:

Most high school graduates stay in town.
Getting a loan on a sound business venture is easy.
The local paper constantly pushes civic improvements.
There's a chamber of commerce with a livewire manager.
Local speeders pay the same fines as out-of-towners.
There's a place to swim within easy reach.
Young couples have little trouble finding a place to live.
The head of your government is a "get-things-done" man.

Town entrances are free from junk, shacks, and billboards.

Teachers' salaries are better than the state average.

There's at least one doctor per 800 people in the county.

There's a library with a good collection of recent books.

Newcomers quickly feel they're a part of the town.

Schools have plenty of room for students.

Fire insurance rates are low for your type of town.

Service, veterans', and women's clubs team up on projects.

There is an active, well-organized Boy Scout troop.

A modern hospital is within your trading area.

All streets are paved and sidewalks are in good shape.

Well-stocked stores keep shoppers in town.

There's a hotel or motel you'd enjoy if you were a visitor.

It's easy to find parking space in the business section.

At least one restaurant serves outstanding meals.

The sewer extension program keeps pace with new housing.

It's easy to get volunteers for any worthwhile project.

Public toilets are provided for farm folk shopping in town.

Prompt, reasonably priced ambulance service is available.

Good zoning keeps factories away from residential areas.

There's an annual Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Week.

Streets throughout the community are well-lighted.

More than half of the church congregations are younger than 40.

Shade trees line nearly all the streets.

There's an ample supply of good drinking water.

There's a recreation center where young people can dance.

The business section has a modern, prosperous look.

There's as much interest in local as national elections.

The tax rate is attractive to new industry.

There's a community council to guide town progress.

There's an active PTA.

Firemen must take regular training courses.

Den Mothers

(The following editorial appeared recently in the Coquille Valley Sentinel. It contains a tribute that we wish we'd written ourselves.)

"That, I thought, as I watched a blackeyed monkey dashing across a stage at Pack Meeting, is a headache. Where did he get so much energy . . . and what about his poor Den Mother.

"What about this strange and wonderful American woman who is up early in the morning to get her family off to school and work? Who does the housework, washes the clothes, finds time to make herself attractive as only American women can, and then takes on a horde of jumping, talking, gesticulating youngsters called Cub Scouts.

"Why has she done it? And I watch the program unfold. It's a story of Oz, and done well. Lots of work, lots of patience, lots of love.

"Does that jumping jack of mine know it? Does he realize what it means? Well, for that matter, do I know and appreciate it? Do the other Mothers and Fathers?

"These women called Den Mothers are a wonderful breed of women. They have some of the strong stalwartness that women must have had in the plains crossings, in the log cabin days, in wartimes, in depressions, and in church on Sunday morning, too.

"They have a faith and hope in America. Bombs may be coming closer, but they're building character and ability and stability.

"They're giving when they're tired. You can see it at times in the look behind their eyes as they get that last spurt of strength to go on a bit further with the pack work.

"And those bright and shining Cub Scouts at pack meeting would not be there if it weren't for the women who are Den Mothers.

"Parents of boys will be parents of Men one day because of Den Mothers."

HEY KIDS! IT'S HERE!

See Page 3 Section 3 of this paper to see how you can win one of these prizes

21" Hoffman TV Console purchased from and on display at Wicks Electric.

4 Schwinn Lightweight Traveler Bikes purchased from and on display at Chambers Outdoor Store 20% Cash Commissions to all non-prize winners.

IT'S easy — IT'S fun — Read all about it and come in to the office soon—Open each evening 'til 8:00.

COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Letter From Washington

More Flood Control Dams Needed for Valley

By Harris Ellsworth
Representative, Fourth District

Coming up for House consideration in the near future will be at least two regular annual appropriation bills. Also, I understand the Banking and Currency Committee may be nearly ready to send some legislation on housing—especially referring to the financing of private home construction. Last week the House passed the bill extending the veterans loan program.

The House rules committee has begun hearings on the bill to create a giant corporation for the purpose of constructing the United States' share of the St. Lawrence Seaway. This project, by the way, has been a subject of discussion in Congress for some 41 years. Never before, however, has the legislation come so near to passage even though all of our Presidents since and including Woodrow Wilson have recommended it. In this Congress the Senate has already passed the bill and it has been reported favorably by the House committee. All that remains is final action on the floor of the House which I expect may come within the next week or so.

One of the greatest flood control projects ever undertaken is in the Willamette River Basin in our state. A large portion of the project is completed. Known and tabulated results from the dams thus far completed clearly indicate that the engineering calculations were very sound indeed and that the actual benefits in terms of annual flood loss saved will be far greater than estimated. It is possible, however, that until at least two more dams are built the present unbalanced situation may result in more harm than good. This is surely the case between the North and South Forks of the Santiam River and in the McKenzie-Willamette area upstream from where those two streams join. What happened in each case is that a control dam is completed on one branch and not on the other with the result in winter that flood water from the uncontrolled or higher stream tends to cut across

valuable land to the lower or controlled stream. This means that all possible haste must be made in building the dam known as Green Peter on the South Santiam, and the dam known as Cougar on the upper McKenzie.

In an effort to speed the construction of Cougar, as well as to obtain additional electrical energy for its municipal electric system, the Eugene Water and Electric Board has offered to relieve the government of the cost of power facilities at Cougar and pay part of the other costs of the dam. It is hoped this offer will appeal to an economy-minded Congress and so hasten the appropriation of planning and construction funds.

It is planned also to present legislation making a similar "partnership offer" with respect to the Green Peter Dam, although in that case the question of who the local "partner" is to be left for later determination—perhaps by the Federal Power Commission.

It is believed that the Congress will like the partnership offers because they represent the saving of several millions of dollars in government funds. However, I am asking that the ordinary multipurpose authorization language be included in what is called the Flood Control Omnibus Bill on which the committee on public works is now working. This will make it possible, if the flood control bill is acted upon first, for the engineers to proceed with their plans for both of these dams without waiting for Congressional action on the so-called "partnership" legislation.

By good fortune two men from the Santiam region, Douglas Bradley of Jefferson and Max Landon of Sweet Home, came to Washington and were able to testify in behalf of these projects at a hearing held by the committee last week. The hearing was on a bill Senator Cordon and I introduced a year ago for the purpose of authorizing the construction of power facilities as a part of both Green Peter and Cougar Dams. This, I hope, will become part of the omnibus bill since it is the same kind of authorization as the Detroit, Lookout Point, and other dams in the flood control system.

Just Between You and Me

By W. C. Martin

Is There a Parking Problem?

The question as to whether a city or town the size of Cottage Grove has a real parking problem is being kicked around quite a bit and apparently many do not believe we have any problem now or prospects of one in the future. To begin with, the number of automobiles in use has increased at least 35 percent in the last ten years and the auto population is still increasing with the increasing population and because families have found it convenient to have two or more automobiles. Perhaps there is normally plenty of parking space under the meters, but the cars parked outside of the meter districts often extend for at least two solid blocks and at times more. Even though we may agree that there is no particular problem at the moment, it seems to us we are rapidly heading for one.

If we continue to ignore the situation, we are inviting the coming of shopping districts to the open spaces just outside or near the city limit. A condition of this kind isn't healthy for a city the size of Cottage Grove and will ultimately kill the business district as we know it now.

The parking committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce has accomplished little because of the public indifference to a need of this kind, but perhaps a post meeting of the committee, held about ten days ago with two other organizations may point the way to solve two needs. One would be more parking space provided by a parking lot and restroom facilities, which have been badly needed for several years. At least a proposal of this sort came out of the meeting referred to above.

Larson Case Goes To Jury Wednesday

The case of Orvin Larson, charged with an attempted rape here on February 11, went to the Circuit court jury Wednesday afternoon. Larson was arraigned before Justice John Wells here February 11th on an attempted rape charge. Wells said the man refused the services of an attorney and said he was guilty as charged. He is said to have signed a confession, which he refused during the trial on Tuesday, claiming Ed Jones, police chief and other officers used force on him. He accused Jones of beating on him and said Jones twisted his arm.

Justice Wells said Larson was an interdict, but had managed to buy liquor on several occasions. Both Justice Wells and local police officers testified in the Larson case.

Western Union Moves CG Office

Western Union Telegraph Company moved its Cottage Grove office to the Greyhound Bus Depot, 10 North Eighth Street, March 30. The telephone will be run by Mrs. Laura Hill who is also the agent for Greyhound.

The telegraphic office was formerly housed at the Cottage Grove Taxi office on North Seventh Street.

Mrs. Hill said Monday that the office would be open from 6:15 a.m. until 8 p.m. every day except Sunday when it will be closed. In times of emergency, Mrs. Hill will be assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Misbach. She said that she will be able to notify all recipients of wires by telephone except in cases of death notices, serious accidents or illness, announcements and personals.

Mrs. Hill's husband Virgil, known to his friends as Pete, sells cars for Githens. The Hills have lived in Cottage Grove for the past seven years.

Knowledge is power. —Hobbes
The history of the world is the record of a man in quest of his daily bread and butter. —H. W. Van Loon

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. —Wendell Phillips

Knoedlers Buy CG Book Exchange

New owners of the Book Exchange are Mr. and Mrs. William Knoedler of Mt. View who recently purchased it from Dick Davis. The Knoedlers are operating the exchange in an office next to Greyhound on North Eighth Street. Davis had moved it to that location from Kent's building before he sold it.

Mrs. Knoedler says that there's a pretty good business for exchange in pocket books and magazines. All exchanges are made on a basis of two for one. For example: if you have two hunting magazines and have read them, you can get one in exchange for the two at the Book Exchange. Sounds simple, doesn't it?

What goes best as a Book Exchange? Again we asked Mrs. Knoedler. She said that pocket books and comics provide the biggest turnover, in exchanges and sales. Pocket books sell three for 25 cents, and Mrs. K. said there's no danger getting one with pages missing. They just aren't accepted as trade ins.

In the pocket book division we learned that mysteries are the most popular, and in the comic book sections the favorites are westerns. The Book Exchange is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The new owners say that just possibly they may be open later in the evenings after they become accustomed to the business.

Frank M. Partridge Dies at Age of 84

Frank Miles Partridge, 84, a resident of Cottage Grove for the past 23 years, died at the Cottage Grove hospital March 26. He was born March 4, 1869 in Canada, and was married to Nella B. Moe in Lewistown, Mont., March 5, 1932. She passed away in 1949. They came to Cottage Grove from Eureka, Calif. Mr. Partridge was a member of the Assembly of God and Spanish American War veteran.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Iola Quaglia, Hot Springs, Ark.; Mrs. Fern Mosby and Miss Velma Partridge, both of Cottage Grove, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at Mills Mortuary, with the Rev. E. W. White officiating. Burial was in the Shields cemetery.

Hospital Corpsman



BAINBRIDGE, MD. (FHTNC)—Florence G. Franklin, hospital corpsman first class, WAVES, USN, daughter of Mrs. Art Franklin of 692 Sweet Lane, Cottage Grove, is an instructor at the Recruit Training Command of the U.S. Naval Training Center here. The Training Command has the task of guiding men and women, new to Navy life, through a period of smooth transition from civilian to military life. It further introduces them to Naval customs, traditions and discipline; and through intensive training and schooling, prepares them for Naval service. (Official U.S. Navy Photograph).

Christie Is Cook



ARMY HOME TOWN NEWS CENTER, KANSAS CITY, MO.—Pvt. Harold Christie of Dorena, Ore., a cook in Company C of the 511th Regimental Combat team, is at Camp Hale, Colo., for exercise ski jump, the Army's 1954 cold weather and mountain training maneuver. Private Christie, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Christie, Dorena, entered the Army in May, 1953. (U.S. Army Photo).

Pfc. John D. Lund, who has been stationed in Alaska with the army for several months, has been moved to the Madigan hospital at Tacoma, Wash., where he will be a patient for several weeks. Pfc. Lund lost five toe nails and a lot of skin while on maneuvers south of the Arctic circle in -47 degree weather on February 14. He has been hospitalized since then, but is able to be about without a wheel chair.

Pfc. J. C. Isley, who has been stationed at Ford Ord, Calif., undergoing basic training with the army, is spending a 14-day furlough here with his wife and friends. He will have a few more weeks of basic before being reassigned.

Three Lane Projects

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Used for completion by July, 1955. Another project calls for the improvement of 2.73 miles of the Springfield - Creswell Highway from Jasper Bridge, east of Springfield, to its junction with the Willamette Highway 0.2 mile east of the Pleasant Hill Union high school.

A deceleration lane is to be constructed along the present Willamette highway as a safety measure for people turning from the Willamette Highway onto the Springfield - Creswell Highway at the junction. This project is scheduled for completion by September 30, 1954.

The third project calls for the reconstruction of 1.80 miles of the Territorial Highway from the junction of the Territorial Highway with the Siuslaw Highway, southerly to Smithfield. The new construction follows the old highway with only minor line changes. This project is scheduled for completion by September, 1954.

City Council Members Discuss Upcoming Budget

City Council members devoted their meeting time Monday night to the forthcoming City Budget. A motion at the beginning of the session that all business other than budget be deferred until the April 5 meeting was unanimously passed. Council members did spend a few minutes on other matters when they had discussed as much budget as possible.

Dr. David Morris is scoutmaster of Troop 18 and Arch Hinds is troop committee chairman.

Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty —New Testament.

Slave Auction

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at a steady clip and kept the clerk busy marking up the purchases. Other lucky slaves and their purchasers were Virgil Kingsley bought by Hap Wolfard, Ed Jones bought by Palmer Johnson, Hap Wolfard whose services were acquired by W. C. Martin, Cy Eakin purchased by Mrs. Gene Ware, Art Schaefer bought by Fire Chief Ernest Shipley and Ray Denham purchased by Ed Hoover.

Damon Scott bought by Hap Wolfard, Ernest Shipley bid for and won by Art Schaefer, Mrs. Gene Ware bought by Cy Eakin, Mrs. Art Weinkauff and Mrs. Maurie Bortoff purchased by Maurie Bortoff and Mrs. Hap Wolfard bought by Virgil Kingsley.

Mrs. Ed Hoover who was purchased by Jim Roles, Herman Petersen bought by Howard Gilbert, Doc Near who was acquired by Jess Hill, Howard Gilbert and Ed Hoover who were bought by W. C. Martin, Jess Stokes purchased by Miles Wicks, Jess Hill bought by Herman Petersen, W. C. Martin sold to Ed Hoover, Mrs. Virgil Kingsley bought by Hap Wolfard, Miles Wicks purchased by Cy Eakin, Orlo Bagley bought by Orlo Bagley, Sharon Krogen and Laura Olson bought by Cy Eakin and Art Weinkauff purchased by Mrs. Maurie Bortoff.

Folks downtown Tuesday got many a chuckle as they watched various "slaves" work for their "masters." Among the attractions were Virgil Kingsley who walked down Main street carrying sawdust boards advertising Wolfard's coffee special, and Vera and Art Weinkauff who waited on customers in Maurie's. Art was all decked out in complete "chef" gear. And, as this is written, there seemed good reason to believe that Wednesday afternoon Hap Wolfard would be downtown selling papers (Sentinels, that is).

Vera (Mrs. Art) Schaefer purchased Tuesday morning by Art Weinkauff, helped out by Mauries. Other workers on this street included Jess Hill who was encased in a box from neck to knees advertising among other things, Petersens. Incidentally, all "slaves" were paid for their work, with the money going to Red Cross. Events chairman Bortoff said these contributions would bring the sum made on the auction up to more than \$100.

Vet and Police Warn

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front yard. They lost another cocker, "Penny," a year and a half ago. "It's gone on for too long," Goodrich said Tuesday. The Goodriches have a two-year-old girl. It worries them to think about the potential danger to her. Former residents in that sector of town, the Keith Roberts, lost a cocker spaniel from apparent poisoning about two or three years ago. The dog died in the front yard.

As one resident pointed out, the poisonings seem to occur every spring off Quincy street around First and Second Street, but people in the area are getting a bit tired of such happenings.

What is the penalty for a person or persons found to be poisoning pets? Judge John Wells said Friday that the law deals severely with such people. He pointed out that Oregon law states it is "unlawful to administer any poison to any animal, or to expose any poison in any manner or by any means so as to injure or destroy any property or animal. Any person so doing shall be punished by not more than one year in the county jail and a fine of not more than \$1,000 or in Circuit Court the punishment is not more than three years in the penitentiary.

Judge Wells spoke out strongly against the epidemic of dog poisonings. And he said he would prosecute offenders to the full extent of the laws. Meanwhile local police are continuing their relentless investigation to find the source of the poisonings.

In this spirit, he discovered the great Reality. He was one of earth's most practical saints, "whose example," they said "was a stronger inducement than any argument he could propose." There is no question about it—each of us needs that kind of faith for himself.

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Radio KSGA Sold

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the purchase of Station KSGA in San Jose, Calif. The purchase approval is now before the FCC in Washington, D. C. A statement was also made by Walter H. Dodd, who owned an interest in the local station and was serving as news broadcaster. "For sometime I have been negotiating with W. Gordon Allen, for the purchase of Radio Station KSGA and had expected to complete negotiations by last week. However Mr. Bagley made Mr. Allen a substantially more favorable offer for the station than I was desirous of making and as result have sold my interests to Mr. Bagley.

Pleased at Local Purchase
"On coming to Cottage Grove it was my idea to purchase the station eventually and now that it has been purchased, I am pleased that the station has been purchased locally.

"I wish Mr. Bagley every success in the operation and ownership of the station. I will continue to be associated with the station, subject to the wishes of Mr. Bagley."



The Rev. D. Hugh Peniston

The Practice of the Presence of God

By Brother Lawrence

I don't believe there are many people who like to do dishes.

A few have said that they do, but what they really mean is that they dislike doing dishes less than they dislike washing pots and pans, or cooking, or scrubbing the kitchen floor. At any rate, I doubt if there would be serious protest if someone should figure out a way of abolishing kitchen work. And if someone suggested kitchen work as a means of achieving saintliness, most people would say "If it's got to be that way, count me out!"

Brother Lawrence, a cook in a monastery in Paris 250 years ago did precisely that. All of the menial tasks were his. He speaks of "his business in the kitchen, to which he had a natural aversion." Nothing could be more familiar than that! Yet this same Brother Lawrence for a period of over 40 years was the acknowledged spiritual leader of the religious community to which he belonged. Out there with his pots and pans he seemed always in the presence of God.

Some talk of finding God in the beauties of nature. Others find Him in the church worship. Brother Lawrence found Him in the kitchen—in work to which he had an aversion. "The time of business," he said, "does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things I possess God in as great tranquility, as if I were on my knees."

There is something which kindles the imagination here, isn't there? Noise, clatter, and work we dislike, don't make us saints—just the opposite! A little girl once came in to tell her mother about seeing the garbage man spill the garbage. "Then what did he do?" the mother said. "Oh, he just went off talking to God," was the reply. Often as we deal with the frustrating details of ordinary life this is as close as we come to godly serenity. We'd like to know Brother Lawrence's secret.

The answer is not to be found in his little book of letters and meditations called "The Practice of the Presence of God." In a few simple words his rule was this: to do our common business, whatever it is, not to please men, but purely for the love of God. Even turning a cake, or picking up a straw from the ground can be done for the love of God. Work of which you have a "natural aversion," done in such a spirit, can be the source of great happiness.

The rule is simple, the practice of it most difficult. Brother Lawrence could not have done it unless he had not found out how to master himself. He was nearly 40 years old when he entered the monastery, "a big awkward fellow," he describes himself, who "came forth with his faults and thus corrected them." Others would have given up long ago, but not Brother Lawrence. He set out to master himself.

Having mastered himself, he mastered things. He did not let them master him. Even in the clatter, he believed, God was to be found, and thus, he made the clatter yield to him its secrets, which most of us so easily pass by.

He was refreshingly honest, always himself. He commented once on monastic life that he saw little value in sets of prayer—he found them dull and dry. Eyebrows were undoubtedly raised at this frankness, but it was characteristic. Why hide the difficulties of devotional life with pious pretense?

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Second Graders

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The Lane County Medical Society will provide medical service during the testing period. They will be helped locally by members of the PTA. The polio vaccine has been popularly named for its discoverer, Dr. Jonas E. Salk. Dr. Salk first told of his work on the vaccine in October, 1953, at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Miami, Fla. The vaccine is the culmination of 16 years of research by scores of scientists in dozens of research laboratories in the United States. Dr. Salk's vaccine has shown a significant rise in polio antibodies in nearly all the subjects who have undergone the tests. The nation-wide testing will cost about \$7,500,000 in March of Dimes funds.