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Centennial Committees Iron Out Problems at Tues. Meet

A good turnout was recorded at the Centennial meeting, held Tuesday evening at the Chamber of Commerce office, as representatives from over 14 Centennial sub-committees and organizations planning to take part in the event, plus the executive, steering and publicity committees, were present to give their progress reports and receive instructions of further action to take.

Many problems were ironed out and activities better coordinated at the meeting. Herman Petersen, acting chairman for the Chamber, which will act as a clearing house for the activities of the various organizations and committees, emphasized to the group that the Chamber should know about the progress of all group activities so that a program could be formulated as things progress.

Old Items Wanted

The Parade Committee, headed by H. B. McMillan, repeated its plea for old items, such as horse teams, clothing, buggies, anything that could be entered as part of a parade. If anyone has something on this order to loan, contact the Chamber, ph. 479. To date, nine entries have been turned in and McMillan predicts that if they continue, the Centennial parade will be the biggest and best Cottage Grove has ever, and probably will ever see.

Armand Wynn, head of the Old Items Committee, stated that there are many old items now available for use in window displays. Anyone wishing some of the items for their window, contact the Chamber immediately. Petersen stated that by the first of next week Grovers should begin to see window displays all over Cottage Grove.

Whiskers Or Button

The Whisker Committee, chairman Wil Roever, said that beginning Saturday, May 7, the "Whisker or Button" rule will be rigidly enforced. Anyone without a beard which covers an area at least the size of a dollar bill, will be taken care of.

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Queen Contestant Deadline Now May 15

The deadline for queen contestants of the Centennial and the ninth annual Cottage Grove Rodeo has been moved up from May 8 to May 15, according to Mrs. Ed Pyeatt, chairman of the rodeo queen committee. The latter date will also be the new scheduled time for the CG Riding club's May Day Play Day, also formerly May 8.

Mrs. Pyeatt also stated that the first entry for the rodeo queen race has been turned in. Lea Sill, 20, of Creswell, has thrown her cowboy hat into the ring and plans to make it a hot race for the queenship.

Hi School Budget Election Scheduled

Cottage Grove Union High School's budget election will be held May 18, Wednesday, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the high school, according to Virgil Kingsley, superintendent.

The 1955-56 levy will be \$4,730 higher than that of the present year. The millage is expected to remain about the same as that of last year, which was 22.6 mills. Some increase in assessed valuation is expected to take place. A maximum of 23 mills is predicted.

An additional teacher for an increased enrollment is to be added, along with a registered nurse who will devote half of her time to the high school and its students. The amount of money outside of the six per cent limitation to be voted on is \$107,197.05.

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Mrs. S. C. Carlson Elected Lane TB Assn. Head Thurs.

Mrs. Stewart C. Carlson, Cottage Grove, was elected president of the Lane County Tuberculosis and Health Assn., Thursday night at the organization's annual meeting in the Eugene Odd Fellows hall. Other localities receiving offices were Mrs. Richard Thwing, secretary and Dr. Ray Spaulding, board member.

Some 50 members attending the dinner session heard Mrs. Hazel Frederickson, executive secretary, report that 3,500 chest X-rays have been made through the association's survey center since January 21. A number of speakers presented reports on work being done to curb tuberculosis in Lane County and Dr. Ambrose S. Churchill, director of the tuberculosis section, Oregon State Board of Health, spoke on "The Tuberculosis Problem Today."

Entertainment included selections by the Octogenarians male quartet, accordion solos by Gerry Trinka, and piano selections by Mrs. Morris Moorhead and Mrs. S. E. Stevens.

Other officers elected for 1955-56 include: first vice president, Otto Lydy, Marcola; second vice president, Carroll Groshong, Irving; secretary, Mrs. Richard Thwing, Cottage Grove; treasurer, Ray Ackerman, Eugene; representative to the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Assn., Mrs. Carlson; and, board members, Dr. Ray Spaulding, Cottage Grove, Mrs. William Harcombe, Veneta, Paul Johnson, Springfield, Dr. Margaret Tingle, Eugene, Mrs. R. M. Bedortha, Willakenzie, Mrs. P. D. Hand, Eugene, Mrs. Donald Schade, Junction City, Paul Wright, Springfield, Betty Sether, Eugene, and Mrs. Morris Moorhead, Eugene.

Honor Soc. Taps 22 Students Friday

Tapped to the Cottage Grove Chapter of National Honor Society Friday were 20 juniors and two seniors. These students will be initiated in a formal ceremony in the high school library May 10. Parents will be guests.

The initiates were named at an assembly Friday afternoon when members of the present Honor Society went down into the audience to tap new members and conduct them to the stage where each was pinned with a white carnation.

Honor Society members must be in the upper third of their class scholastically, and they must rate well in leadership, service and character as well as scholarship. Only 15 per cent of any junior class is eligible for membership in the organization.

Seniors tapped were Milan Quigley and Mary Ellen Hull, neither of whom was eligible to membership as juniors because they had not been long enough in attendance at Cottage Grove high school.

Junior members are: Connie Chase, Norma Johnson, Buddy Stewart, Greg Stewart, Carol Thiel, Ardrey Riddle, Elaine Oster, Jo Griggs, Paul Randall, William Randall, Sue Higdon, Darlene Hogue, Billie Pyeatt, Marilyn Cook, Mary Albrecht, Bill Vertrees, Carol Damewood, Malcolm Clark, Craig Hickok, and Janet Wickwire.

Eight underclassmen, four freshmen and four sophomores, were selected and introduced at the assembly, as the outstanding members of their classes. They are: Larsana Nelson, Melinda Carlson, Lyle Chaffee and Gary Sampson, freshmen, and Ann Chapman, Lois Jean Dage, George Woodworth and Ted Picknell, sophomores.

Cottage Grove Guard Unit Mobilizes In Record Time for Practice Alert

With speed and efficiency, Co. B 186th Inf. of Oregon National Guard was mobilized last Thursday, as Major General Thomas E. Rilea, the Adjutant General, gave the order to start "Operation Minuteman."

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The local radio station was informed and started releasing spot announcements on the air. Sgt. Jerald C. Jordan then started calling the Officers and Noncommissioned officers, who in turn, notified the men in their home area.



MYRON PERRY gives a spinning reel demonstration during the first annual Sports Show at Cottage Grove, held Friday and Saturday at the old Maguire Furniture store. All types of camping and fishing equipment, boats and motors were displayed.



A LONG ROW OF ALL TYPES OF OUTBOARD MOTORS were displayed at the CG Sports Show Friday and Saturday. An estimated crowd of 1,200 people jammed the store during the two-day period.

Morse to Speak At Springfield Saturday Night

United States Senator Wayne L. Morse will speak in Springfield Saturday night, April 30, at a public assembly. This appearance is sponsored by the Lane County Democratic Central Committee and is one of four speeches Senator Morse will make in the state this weekend. He will speak Friday in Portland and Corvallis and Saturday noon in Salem. Local party officials have asked the Senator to discuss United States foreign policy with particular emphasis on the defense of Formosa and other Chinese islands.

Ron Paddock of Oakridge and chairman of the county party, invites the public to a barbecue supper at 7 p.m. preceding the address by Senator Morse. Cost of the supper will be \$1, which is being prepared by the Pit Barbecue Grill in Springfield. Dessert will be served by the county Democratic central committee.

The barbecue and Senator Morse's address are scheduled at the Springfield Junior high school, Tenth and G streets in Springfield. Tickets for the supper may be secured from Judge John Wells of Cottage Grove or purchased at the door Saturday night. In Creswell, tickets may be had from Melvin G. Miller. There will be no charge for persons wishing to attend only the speech.

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Grove Tax League Meeting Is Held

A special meeting of the Lane County Tax League was held in Cottage Grove April 20 at the Chamber of Commerce building at 8 p.m.

Over 40 people heard Mayor Jess Hill welcome the Tax League officers and citizens. Richard Eymann, of Marcola, president, presided at the meeting and explained the function of the newly-formed taxpayer's organization.

Economy Practiced

"The purposes of the League are to make better use of each tax dollar through more efficient methods and procedures in government and to work toward more equitable sharing of tax load as provided under the law."

Roy Elliott, Eugene, membership chairman, explained that membership fee is \$1 a year for any taxpayer. Elliott stressed the fact that each individual taxpayer feels inadequate to make his influence felt in the present tax situation.

With a membership of 400 to 600 throughout Lane County, Elliott said, the objectives outlined by Eymann could be achieved. Several people joined the League at the meeting.

School Tax Ratio High

Clarence Belknap, Blue River, vice president, led a discussion of school taxes. It was pointed out that 70 to 78 per cent of the tax dollar goes for school purposes and taxpayers need to pay particular attention to school budgets and construction costs. The League was not opposing the present high standards now existing in Oregon's schools, but felt closer supervision could be exercised to bring about better returns on the tax dollar.

William Haggerty, secretary, Springfield, explained that a similar tax league has operated efficiently for several years in Douglas County. He pointed out that the League intended to work harmoniously with the county officials.

The construction program for the new Lane County office buildings was brought up and Cottage Grove members urged the tax league to take an active part in this project.

Over 1200 People Attend First Annual CG Sports Show Fri.-Sat.

Lucky Ticket Numbers for 10 Prizes Listed; Turnout Exceeds Estimates

Two Sets Twins Born Near Fifth Hospital Anniv.

Two sets of twins were born the past week at the Cottage Grove hospital, near the fifth anniversary of that institution, otherwise the anniversary passed unnoticed. Birth of the sets of twins within three days of each other is believed to have set a new record for the hospital. The institution opened here on April 23, 1950.

A son and daughter, Michael Patrick and Mabelle Rose were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Wilbur Casteel of Culp Creek on April 21, 1955. A second set of twins, a son and daughter, Delbert Ray and Debra Kay were born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Agee of Elkton on April 24, 1955.

Malcolm Clark ASB President For Coming Year

Associated Student Body officers were recently elected at the local high school. Taking over their duties the last six weeks of this school year, the six juniors and one sophomore will lead in carrying on the student government through most of the coming school year.

Officers are: President, Malcolm Clark; vice president, Larry Aldrich; secretary, Ann Chapman; treasurer, Joe McClarnan; business manager, Dale Ashbridge; advertising manager, Janet Wickwire, and Lions' Road editor, Carol Thiel. These students make up the executive council.

Also filling positions in the student government set-up are Connie Chase, Lion Tracks editor (school yearbook), and Dorene Hall, cashier.

Candidates for the ASB officers are nominated by student petition. A primary election is held, followed by extensive campaigning and finally the general election. All students, except post graduates, are members of the Associated Students of Cottage Grove high school and entitled to vote.

VISIT AT STEWART HOME

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dunton of Boise, Idaho, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill of Springfield, Ore., were late visitors Friday at the Vern Stewart home. The Duntons are relatives of the Stewarts.

District 45 grade school's budget election, held Friday evening at the Jefferson school, passed by a large margin, according to superintendent Jess Fasold. In a recapitulation of votes, Fasold stated that there was a total of 95 for and 15 against the budget.

Fasold stated that the school board was well pleased with the turnout of voters. A total of 110 were interested enough in the educational facilities of their children to turn out and vote. All five precincts in the grade school territory were represented by voters.

The budget was placed up \$17,600 over the corresponding budget of last year. The increase in the amount is due to a larger enrollment. By 1957, the school anticipates an enrollment of 1206, or an increase of approximately 166 over the present enrollment.

Fourth Annual JC Talent Show Held Fri. at High School

Well over 100 people attended the fourth annual Jaycee Talent Show, held Friday evening at the Cottage Grove High School auditorium.

A song and dance routine by Sue Higdon, Gail Forrester, Mary Lou Wolfard and Patsy Pynes won first place and the \$15 prize in the High School Division. A steel guitar solo by 13-year-old Montie Kuskie of Latham won the corresponding prize in the Grade School Division.

Other winners in the senior bracket included: Second place - a creative dance by 18-year-old Beverly Attridge; third place - a vocal solo by Jackie Welgel, 17.

In the junior division Frederick Langston, 11, of Harrison School, nabbed the second place award of \$10 with an accordion solo. Larson, nine-year-old, Lowell Grade School student was third with a tap dance.

Prizes were \$15 for first place, \$10 second and \$5 for third place in each classification.

Winners of each division in the Talent Show will compete in district competition with winners from Eugene and Springfield.

Audrey Mistretta, University of Oregon music major and former Miss Oregon, sang in the intermission between the High School and Grade School divisions. Joe Kennedy of Radio Station KOMB was master of ceremonies for the event.

Well over 1200 people attended Cottage Grove's first annual Sports Show, sponsored by the Retail Merchants, held Friday and Saturday at the old Maguire Furniture Store building.

Nearly 700 tickets for door prizes were given away during the two day period. Lucky ticket numbers for the ten prizes and the donors are:

Town Talk Variety - 182574, Bowser Bros. - 182383, Pioneer Hardware - 182421, Chambers Outdoor Store - 182644, Hesse's Chevrolet Station - 182185, Cannon Appliance - 182461, Coast - 182316, Western Auto - 182543, Grove Hardware - 182432 and S&S Equipment - 182188.

Holders of these lucky tickets are requested to take them to the donors listed above and claim your prizes as soon as possible.

This show, second in a series of monthly events planned by merchants to promote business in Cottage Grove, was presented to herald the approach of fishing and camping season. Included in the show were all types of boats, motors, fishing and camping equipment and other sporting goods.

A special feature of the show was a spinning reel demonstration by Myron Perry each afternoon.

Highway Collision Injures 4 Thurs.

Collision between a loaded logging truck and a passenger car Thursday evening resulted in minor injuries to the four occupants of the car, approximately \$800 damage to the car and \$850 damage to the logging truck.

Frank Schuchardt, 830 S. 8th St., driving west on Quincy Ave., turned onto the Pacific Highway and struck the right rear end of the logging truck driven by Elmer Leslie Odell of Creswell. Odell is employed by the Camas Swale Logging Co.

All four occupants of the car were taken to Cottage Grove hospital by the Fire Department ambulance. Schuchardt was treated for a slight concussion. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Schuchardt, 19, 420 Quincy Ave., was treated for bruises and lacerations. She was released from the hospital, but Schuchardt, whose condition was reported early in the week as good, was still reported in the hospital at press time.

Mrs. Schuchardt's two children, Rodney, 3, and Rhonda, 2, were released after treatment Thursday night.

Local police issued no citations.



THE HOUSE OF MARVELS, located eight miles west of CG on the Lorane highway, is currently being developed by Dave Gastman and son. This old photograph, taken when the house was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peterson in 1951, shows a group of people seemingly standing at an angle. Actually they are standing what they consider straight up.

"Marvel House" Ready for Tourists; Potentialities of Attraction Are High

Cottage Grove can now claim a mystery house that is equal to, if not excelling, in the feeling of sensation created, the House of Mystery near Grants Pass, Ore. According to Dave Gastman, who, together with his son, are developing the old "Crazy House" of Lloyd Peterson's, located eight miles west of Cottage Grove on the Lorane highway, his "House of Marvels" will be ready to accommodate tourists and interested localities by this weekend, weather permitting.

Gastman stopped at The Sentinel early this week to show the local news editor his phenoma. It didn't take long to convince the Doubting Thomas reporter that his House of Marvels had all the potentialities of the Oregon Vortex at Gold Hill.

An object thrown into the air would drop back at least 30 degrees off what one would consider straight down. Two persons stand-

ing on opposite ends of a level board would change ends and it would appear as if one were taller than the other. These are only a few of the many strange illusions about the house.

Gastman stated that there would be guides to show the different features of the house. The Petersons, who discovered the strange pull of gravity in the house in 1951, didn't have time to develop it on a full time basis, so the job is being done by Gastman and son. Much work, however, remains to be done around it. They hope to make it one of Lane County's leading tourist attractions.

The Gastmans later hope to have a hamburger stand and gift shop. At this time there is limited parking, but Gastman plans to increase the parking area.

Don't take this story as the gospel truth, go out and see the house for yourself.

This Could Happen in Cottage Grove



International Assoc. of Firemen Photo
FIVE CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH as this picture was being taken, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald DeBaggis of Franklin, Mass., are forcibly restrained from attempting further hopeless rescue efforts as fire destroys their home on Dec. 6, 1954. Local firemen are planning a house-to-house inspection for fire hazards in Cottage Grove homes beginning Monday in hopes that the above scene won't happen here.