

CENTENNIAL

Through the past 100 years the Main Street of Cottage Grove has changed just as the rest of the town has. Although a great deal of the town was on the west side of the river down around the flour mill, many business establishments were centered on Main Street.

The Aaron Lurch residence was the first picture of Cottage Grove's Main Street in the 1870's (upper left). This building was on

the present location of J. C. Penney's and Bressler's Furniture stores.

Picture No. 2 (center left) was a view of Main Street looking east toward the railroad tracks somewhere in the late 1890's.

A Fourth of July parade in the early 1900's (lower left) included many Cottage Grove notables of the time. The man in the white hat was identified as "Bohemia" Sharps, and the man leading the second wagon was J. C. Medley. The Fashion Livery Stables was located where Aldrich Texaco now is, the brick building to its right is the spot of the Greyhound Bus Depot, and the wooden building at the right of the picture was where the Floyd Githens building now stands.

Looking east toward the tracks around 1905 is the view in Picture No. 4 (upper center).

The view of looking west on Main Street (lower center) appeared in a booklet published in 1909 by the Cottage Grove Commercial Club. The building with Yeatch & Company on the side is the location of the old bank building. The dark brick building across Main Street from it was a hotel building and now houses Varley's Drugs.

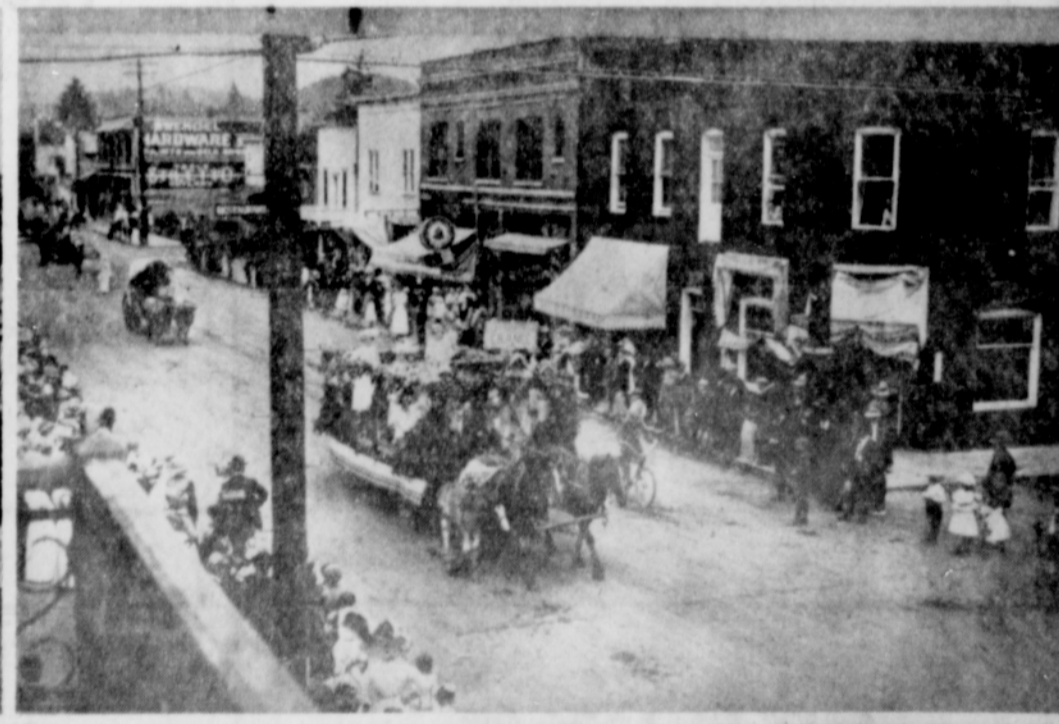
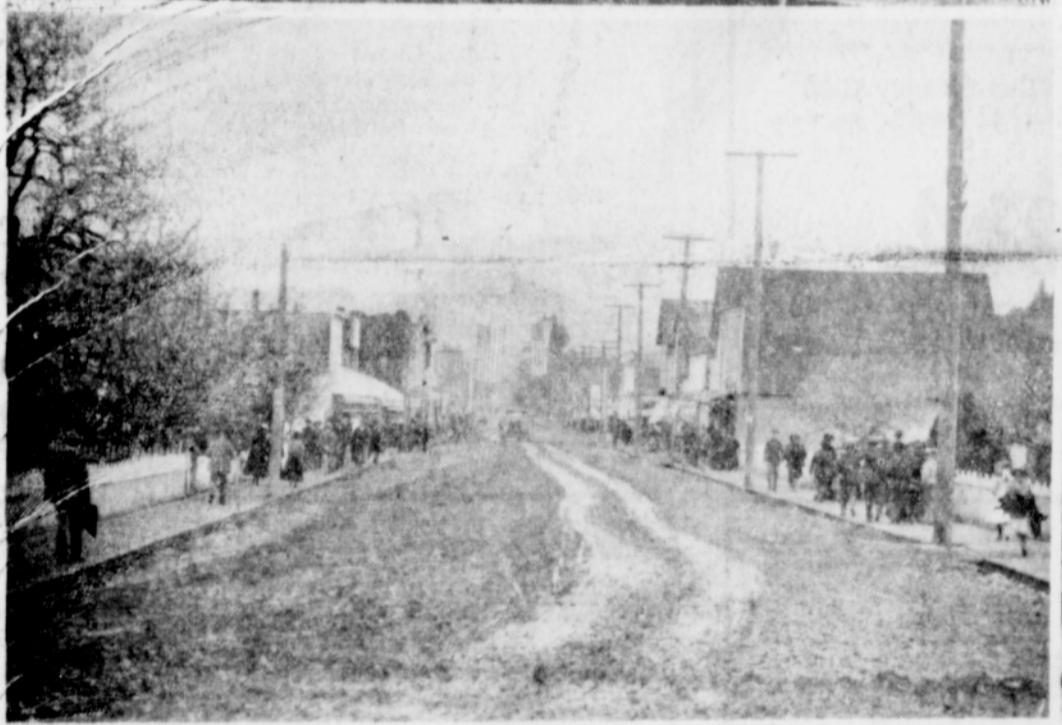
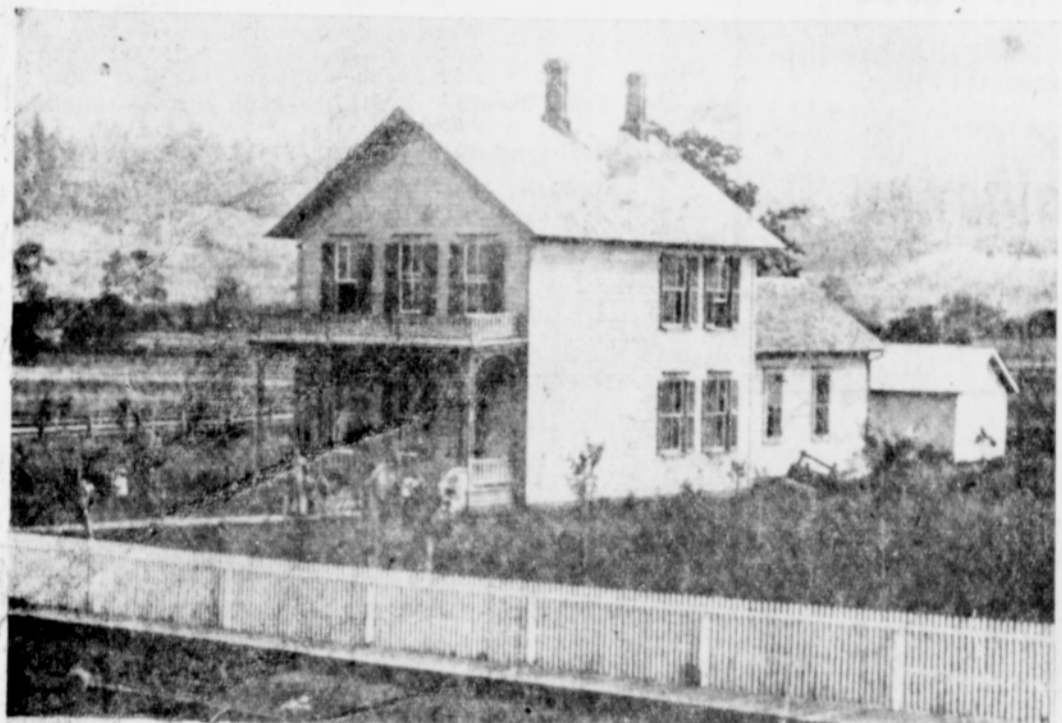
Another Fourth of July parade around 1918 was photographed from the second story of the building where Maurie's Ice Cream shop now is (lower right).

Picture No. 7 (looking west toward the bridge) shows Main Street in the 1920's (center right). The Woodson Bros. Service Station is still the home of the Ford dealer, Floyd Gibbons. The Bartell Hotel across the street is the present Cottage Grove Hotel. The building with City Transfer in it has been replaced by Highway 99.

Main Street today. Picture No. 8 (upper right) shows the present Cottage Grove scene looking west toward the bridge.

The picture across the bottom of the page was taken June 14, 1919. The occasion was the landing of the first group of aeroplanes at Cottage Grove. The landing was a publicity stunt promoting the

establishment of an airfield in Cottage Grove. The planes landed out South 6th Street. Pictured from right to left are C. H. Schinn, Warren McFarland, Clyde Humphrey, Karl Mills, an unidentified man, Andrew Brund, unidentified, Gottfried Graber, unidentified, Elbert Smith, unidentified, Donna Bartell, C. A. Bartell, unidentified, unidentified. The man standing to the left is Governor Olcott; the one on the right was president of the club, Klepp.



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