

Public Invited to See the Fun At Sheriff's Posse Initiation

Indignities will be heaped on 13 luckless initiates Monday night as the Lane County Sheriff's Posse conducts its annual installation of new members.

Inviting the public to come see the fun, free of charge, the posse promises a "public hanging" plus Roman riding events and a contest between Chet Purdy of Lorne and one of his star logging horses.

Chet will be literally pitted against "Old Sam," Chet's son, Marion, will drive the big horse at the end of a 175 rope. On the other end, 270-pound Chet will do his darndest to stay put in a shallow hole and keep Old Sam from moving ahead.

The initiation is to start at 8 p.m. in the County Fairgrounds arena building. Those to be initiated include several local lawyers, a former district attorney, loggers, bankers, farmers, businessmen and policemen.

HOT-RODDER SUSPECTED

LINCOLN, Neb.—(U.P.)—Police searched for a hot-rod with a double exhaust pipe after Walter Becker reported someone stole the muffler from his tractor. Police theorized the culprit wanted the muffler for a hot-rod exhaust.

Old Engine Bid Farewell

Grove Gives 'Number One' Big Sendoff

COTTAGE GROVE — A new Oregon Pacific & Eastern Railroad diesel electric locomotive was christened here Saturday afternoon as hundreds of citizens turned out to participate in "Progress Day" ceremonies.

The new engine, named "The City of Cottage Grove," is replacing "Old Number One Spot," a 27-year-old steam locomotive that has hauled logs and lumber up Row River for a quarter century.

Both engines were on display in the OP&E yards. After christening ceremonies, the public walked up special ramps and viewed the engines at close range.

"PROGRESS DAY" was sponsored by the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce. The day was set aside to honor "Old Number One" for its years of faithful service and welcome its modern successor—a 600 horsepower diesel electric.

Jean Gilliland, Chamber secretary, cut a white ribbon to welcome officially the new engine. Art Schaefer, Chamber president, was master of ceremonies. The Rev. William Sutterlin led the gathering in prayer.

Councilman Richard Thwing gave the city's greeting to the OP&E on behalf of Mayor Frank Doleman. Sam Mackin, long a resident in Cottage Grove, outlined briefly early history of the OP&E.

Phil Glenn, OP&E general manager, gave a brief welcoming address. The Cottage Grove high school band under direction of Elwood Rickman marched down Main St. and played the "Star Spangled Banner" to open ceremonies.

Arrangements for the "Progress Day" celebration were handled by a Chamber of Commerce committee headed by Art Wein-kauf.

"Old Number One Spot" made its last run over the 22-mile stretch from Cottage Grove to Disston Friday evening.

IT WAS DIFFICULT to tell what was going through C. H. "Red" Lechner's mind Friday afternoon as he readied the old iron horse for her last trip. He seemed jovial enough, but something in his eyes told OP&E trainmen he somehow regretted his farewell journey in Number One.

At 5 p.m. Lechner started the old engine out of the yards with



NO LONGER will "Old Number One Spot" chug over bridges and up hills along the 22-mile route from Cottage Grove to Disston. The Oregon Pacific & Eastern Railroad steam locomotive is seen here making a "solo" trip over one of the company's three steel bridges which span Row River. Engineer on Number One since 1927 has been C. H. "Red" Lechner. Lechner, who knows his engine better than any man living, will be at the throttle Monday of the OP&E's new diesel electric locomotive. The new engine, Number Ten Spot, will haul a larger pay load and can be operated with more economy than its predecessor.

10 empties for mills along the route. Old Number One performed as she never had before. She fairly pranced up "the hill" overlooking Dorena Dam.

"Red" stopped the engine atop the hill long enough for photographers to record her last ride. Then she went chugging merrily on her way again, little realizing she was destined for "standby" service.

Men, women and children along the route waved as Number One clicked past. They all knew she was to be retired and made a special effort to be in their yards waving when the engine went by. "Red" and his crew waved back for the tired locomotive.

When the engine reached the end of the line at the Bohemia Lumber Co., a large group of officials had assembled to celebrate this final trip.

A welcoming dinner was arranged in the company cook house by Bohemia officials. Present were members of the OP&E Company, Cottage Grove business men, Bohemia personnel, Southern Pacific Railroad representatives, and several members of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

Old One Spot's crew were guests

of honor. These included Lechner, Harry Tennis, conductor; Earl Land, fireman; George E. White and John Oviatt, brakemen.

Starting Monday, the crew will have the new locomotive to handle. The shiny modern "City of Cottage Grove" will purr out of the OP&E yards sometime in the afternoon to initiate a new era for the company. The age of "diesel" will have arrived, leaving the age of "steam" but a memory.

"Red" expressed it pretty well last Friday: "I'll like the new engine fine, but I'll ure miss the

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Civilian applicants for the Officer's Candidate School must have the following qualifications: be between 20½ and 26¼ years old, possess two years of college work or pass an equivalent examination, be physically qualified, have excellent character, have no dependent children under 18 years old, and be stationed in the United States, Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, or the Panama Canal Zone.

The office of the Director of Women's Affairs is handling Capt. Smith's visit. She will visit all women's living organizations on the university campus.

Want Progress

BAKER—(P)—As an outgrowth of the controversy over Hells Canyon Dam, a Baker County Commercial Club has been organized here. It was organized by 50 persons who said they wanted to promote industrial progress in the county.

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