

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 40 and 80 years ago

June 5, 1975

Bike path to open Saturday

The opening of the Weyerhaeuser Cottage Grove logging road as a summer bike path is scheduled for Saturday. This is the third year the 15-mile road has been a bike path on weekends.

Bohemia Mining Days is sponsoring for the second year a fund-raising bicycle poker hand ride and chicken dinner on June 21. The bicycle ride follows a six-mile course over the bike path.

Poker hands consist of five cards picked up at stations along the bike route. The best hands will win prizes.

The Bohemia Mining Days is requesting that participants register for the bike ride and dinner. Registration can be made through Dena Twite or KNND Radio. Ticket prices, which include the ride and dinner, are adults, 18 and over, \$2.75; students, 12-17, \$2; children, 7-11 \$1.50. Rides cost 75 cents, and children under 6 will pay 75 cents for dinner only.

Participants will gather at Lincoln Junior High School Saturday, June 21 between 9 and 10 a.m. for the bicycle ride. Transportation to and from the course will be supplied to reduce the amount of automobile traffic. A chicken dinner picnic at the junior high will follow the bike ride.

Safety will be handled by Lane County Sheriff's deputies and a 10-man citizens' band radio crew will provide water for contestants.

At right: June 6, 1935: The High School Graduating Class



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POLICE BLOTTER

May 25

Shoplift, Dollar Tree

The caller reported that suspects left the store with a full hand basket of merchandise without paying. The suspects were driving in a black or blue Chevrolet Camero that was missing its front-quarter panel. An area check for the suspects and vehicle was negative.

May 26

Mental, Short Stop

The caller said that the subject was walking around outside of the business yelling and punch-

ing himself. Police took the subject to the emergency room, but he would not go voluntarily for an evaluation.

May 27

Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, Chamberlain Ave.

The caller said that \$3,000 worth of tools were stolen out of his vehicle sometime on May 23. The tools are marked "WW."

May 28

Mental, Chamberlain Ave.

The caller said that a very unkempt male was walking

on 16th St., yelling at himself, waving his arms and blocking traffic. Police determined that the subject, who was moving on, was having mental issues.

May 29

Traffic hazard, Village Dr.

The reporting person said that two women on bicycles were interfering with vehicular and pedestrian traffic by refusing to allow anyone to pass.

Theft, Safeway

The complainant said that her wallet, which contained the victim's check book, ID and \$245 in cash, was stolen out of her

purse at the location.

Suicidal subject, Cherry Ct.

The caller said his girlfriend was armed with a knife and threatening to commit suicide. Officers contacted the subject and transported her to the emergency room for an evaluation.

Motor vehicle accident — non-injury, S. 6th St.

The caller said he was just involved in a two-vehicle accident at the location. The other vehicle was parked in front of the old City Hall apartments. Officers on the scene assisted with the exchange of information.

May 30

Theft, Victoriana

The complainant requested an officer to investigate the theft of a diamond ring valued at \$1,200. There is no suspect info at this time.

Ambulance, S. 4th St.

A 19-year-old male was transported to Riverbend Hospital to be treated for an overdose.

May 31

Ambulance, Wildwood Falls

The reporting person said that a subject dove into the water

and did not resurface.

Theft, Harvey Rd.

The reporting person said that a bike and trailer were taken from the yard at the location sometime during the night. The property was valued at \$225.

Information, Main St.

The caller reported that there was flooding in the street and no water pressure in the neighborhood due to a water-main break.

OFFBEAT

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It was "blossom" ore, the richest any of the drinkers had seen. The greenhorns staked their claim, and the old-timers christened it "The Greenhorn Mine."

It's a pretty legend, but probably completely made-up. Former Greenhorn Mayor Miles F. Potter — the man who brought the town back to life, reactivated the city charter and restored its rotting water system in 1971 — says it was named after a nearby promontory called "The Green Horn."

Greenhorn City's revival

Potter and several other property owners revived the town to get protection from land speculators, who were showing some interest in turning the picturesque and fairly accessible ghost town into a tourist attraction 'with gaudy doughnut shops and hamburger stands.'

At that time, the town had been dead since the early 1920s. Like so many gold-mining boomtowns, it flourished when the mines did — peaking at a seasonal population of 500 or so in the mid-1910s, and providing mail service to another 1,500

in mining camps nearby — but as they petered out, so did the town. The post office closed in 1919.

Today, Greenhorn is a seasonal getaway spot for folks who like to spend summers in a semi-primitive wilderness community, hunting and fishing, relaxing and reading. There is no electrical or sewer service, but there is cell phone service and even a fiber-optic telecom line. During the summer, the population of the little city — with its two remaining habitable buildings — never gets much above a dozen and a half. Its mayor and city officials all live elsewhere most of each year.

As for the stolen jail, when it was found parked at the courthouse in Canyon City, it was promptly hauled to the Grant County Historical Museum, where it today serves as an ex-

hibit. This sticks in the craw of some Greenhorn people, particularly because Greenhorn is not even in Grant County. Several years ago, a group of them sued to get the building back. Nothing came of this, however, and the jail remains today on the grounds of the museum — along with the cabin formerly occupied by Joaquin Miller during his residence in Canyon City.

(Sources: Potter, Miles F. Oregon's Golden Years. Caldwell, Idaho: Caxton, 1976; Florin, Lambert. Oregon's Ghost Towns. Seattle: Superior, 1970; Cockle, Richard. "Oregon's smallest city a mile-high gold-rush town," Portland Oregonian, 6-15-2008; Gilmand, Helen. "Old Oregon town stirs again," Portland Oregonian, 5-02-1974)

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