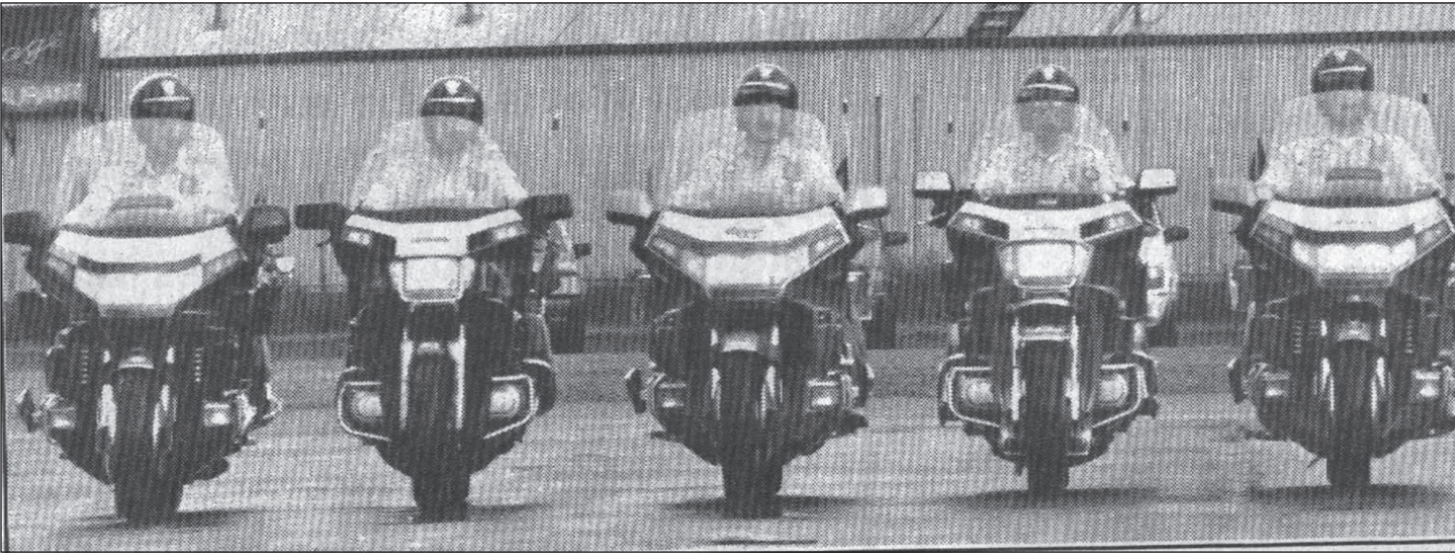


Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 20 and 60 years ago



JUNE 21, 1995: Cithy Hosts Gold Wing motorcycle gathering — The Gold Wing Touring Association held its first state-wide motorcycle gathering this past week in Cottage Grove. Participants were entertained by the eight-member Northwest Wings Drill Team from Seattle, Wash. The team is shown performing a maneuver called 8-Up.

June 23, 1955

Eisenhower sends 'regrets' on golf meet invitation

Last week a letter was written to President Eisenhower inviting him to participate in the Cottage Grove Centennial Golf Championships, July 2, 3 and 4.

The president, however, will be unable to attend the tournament and sent, through his secretary, the following letter:

The White House
Washington
June 15, 1955

Dear Mr. Martin,

The President has received your letter of June tenth and

has asked me to thank you for the cordial invitation which you extended to him, on behalf of your Committee, to participate in the Cottage Grove Centennial Golf Championships to be held at Cottage Grove, Oregon, July second through the fourth. He appreciates your justifiable pride in this event and indeed, your appealing description of your part of the country makes it difficult for the President to

send regrets. However, he is heavily committed for the next several weeks and cannot possibly add this engagement to his crowded calendar.

With best wishes for the centennial celebration.

Sincerely,
Bernard M. Shanley
Secretary to the President

POLICE BLOTTER

Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 767-0504

June 15

Criminal mischief, Automotive Specialists

The reporting person said that the driver's side window of a customer's vehicle, which was parked at the location, had been broken sometime over the previous weekend. Officers reviewed a surveillance tape and determined that the suspects were two unknown males. The damage was valued at \$200.

June 16

Attempt to flee, Madison Ave.

The driver bailed and ran from a moving vehicle. The passenger was able to bring the vehicle to a stop.

June 17

Discharge firearm in city, Benjamin Ave.

The complainant at the station reported he accidentally discharged a firearm within city limits. The bullet entered the neighbor's home, and the complainant made sure that everybody was okay in the house.

June 18

Criminal mischief, S. 12th St.

The caller said an unknown suspect had been taking an ax to his truck at night. There was

slight damage to the rear tailgate and right bed wall, as well as key marks to the right front quarter panel. The estimated value was \$123.

June 19

Follow up, Hillcrest Market

During a routine attempt to locate a stolen vehicle, officers observed the vehicle parked at the location. The vehicle appeared to be driveable.

June 20

Officer safety info, Bennett Creek Rd.

A caller said his residence was burglarized one hour ago. The caller said he attempted to chase down the burglar in his truck. The suspect stopped in the middle of the road and fired multiple shots at the caller. The caller described the suspect's vehicle as a blue Chevy pickup truck.

June 21

Agency assist, W. Main St.

The caller said that a female at the residence had taken an unknown amount of drugs and was overdosing. The subject was transported to the ER for an evaluation.

CITY BEAT

Excerpts from the City of Cottage Grove's Friday Update

Oregon Scenic Bikeways Committee

The City announces that City Manager Richard Meyers has been selected by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director to serve as a member on the State Scenic Bikeway Committee representing the League of Oregon Cities membership. The 11-member committee

includes representatives of bicycle advocacy organizations, tourism organizations, local governments and state agencies involved in bicycling recreation or transportation. The committee evaluates proposed scenic bikeways and reviews existing bikeways to determine if they continue to meet the scenic bikeway criteria.

Eugene Symphony

The Eugene Symphony will

be kicking off its 50th anniversary season with free outdoor concerts in Eugene, Roseburg and Cottage Grove. The concert in Eugene has limited seating and tickets became available on Tuesday, June 16 and already the free tickets for the concert in Eugene are "sold out". The City says no tickets are needed for the Cottage Grove concert, scheduled for Monday, July 20 beginning at 7 p.m. in Bohemia Park. Maestro Danail Rachev will lead the Eugene Symphony

in popular audience favorites, including classical, pops and Broadway tunes including the works of John Philip Sousa, John Williams, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Rossini, Tchaikovsky and more.

Treated wastewater effluent spraying

This will be the fifth summer

that treated wastewater effluent will be land applied at Middlefield Golf Course for irrigation purposes. Between June 15 and Sept. 15 of each year, limits for phosphorus and temperature are placed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant discharge by the Department of Environmental Quality. Wastewater Treatment Plant staff recently completed total coliform tests and increased chlorine concentrations in the wastewater to achieve a seven day average coliform

count of 2.2 colonies or less per 100 mils. This increased chlorine residual will be maintained throughout the irrigation season. During the summer months, the WWTP processes approximately one million gallons of wastewater per day. The golf course requires between 350,000 and 450,000 gallons of irrigation water per day.

OFFBEAT

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Taylor, actually went so far as to buy the Melanope and sail the seas with him in it, on a sort of extended working honeymoon

while the two of them carried on a long and torrid affair. But when she died of yellow fever, he lost his will to live and threw himself into the sea. After that, sailors whispered that the ship

was haunted by the ghost of Emma Taylor.

When the ship arrived in port under the command of the first mate, it had to be sold to pay off the crew, as not a shekel could be found anywhere aboard. Rumors that the first mate had absconded with a chest full of the mistress's gold, of course, soon were everywhere, and were almost certainly true.

Those wild days were long

gone now, of course. The Melanope had, it seemed, been dismantled for the last time. Abandoned at sea, she now belonged to whoever could get a line on her and tow her to a port — that is, to the skipper of the Northland.

After being towed to Astoria, the salvaged hulk of the battered old vessel was pumped free of seawater and sold to a San Francisco outfit, which cut it down

for a barge. How long it continued to serve in that capacity is unknown.

Eventually, though, the rusty old hulk was towed to Comox Harbor in British Columbia, along with just over a dozen other old worn-out iron hulls, and sunk in a line to form a breakwater for the protection of the log booming area there. Worn and rusting away, the ships can still be seen there, rising skeltonally out of the harbor at low tide, a reminder not only of the golden age of sailing ships but

that of Vancouver Island logging as well.

(Sources: Shady Isle Pirate Society, <http://bbprivateer.ca>; Gibbs, James A. Pacific Graveyard. Portland: Binford, 1950)

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY June 25 59° 89° Sunny	FRIDAY June 26 61° 93° Sunny
SATURDAY June 27 63° 99° Mostly Sunny	SUNDAY June 28 65° 98° Partly Cloudy
MONDAY June 29 63° 96° Mostly Sunny	TUESDAY June 30 62° 95° Partly Cloudy

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