

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 30 and 60 years ago

July 21, 1955

New South Lane Recreation swim pool opens Saturday p.m.; receives enthusiastic welcome

The new South Lane Recreation Inc. swimming pool, which opened Saturday, has received an enthusiastic welcome from swimmers of all ages. Approximately 250 swimmers have been in attendance daily during the good weather, despite a low first day attendance of 176.

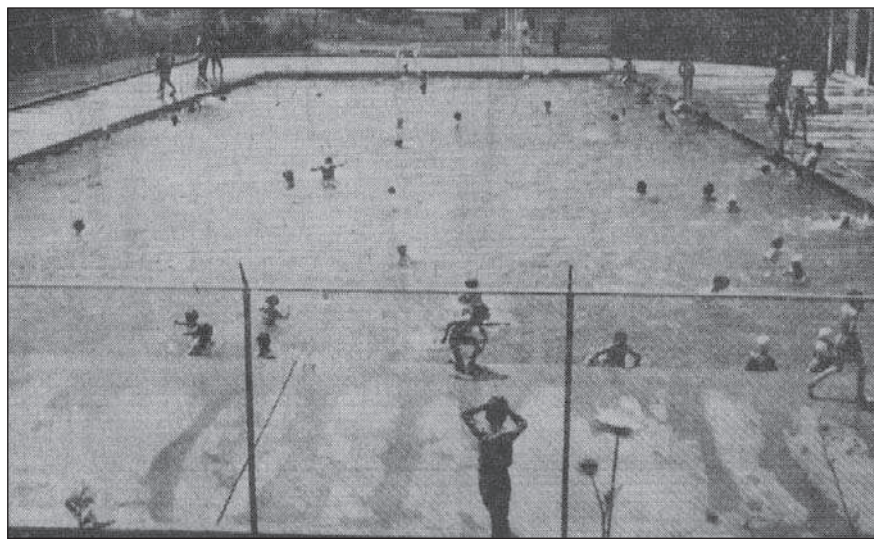
Pool manager, Wally Ciochetti, and other pool personnel have been working hard to eliminate some of the problems

that have developed. The pool filter has been taxed to capacity to clear the water initially and it has necessitated that pool personnel backwash the filter at odd hours during the night.

Starting tonight, July 21, the pool will be open from 7 to 9 each night. Monday nights will be reserved for organizations and Wednesday nights for adults only. The other nights the pool will be open for anyone who wants to swim with the whole family being admitted for one dollar.

The pool will be open daily from 1 to 5 each afternoon. Pool charges are 50 cents for adults and 20 cents for other swimmers. The South Lane Recreation is a non-profit set up to provide recreation facilities and opportunities for the community.

All pool receipts are used to operate the pool. Most of the funds of this or-



First day swimmers are shown frolicking in the water.

ganization to promote their variety of recreational efforts are received from the Community Chest with some additional funds from organizations and individuals.

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tractor brought in with a team of builders to work on the facility. So attired, he'd simply walked out of the pen. A desultory manhunt had ensued, but Miller wasn't exactly a killer, so the Oregon authorities hadn't worked too hard at recapturing him. Harry had been able to easily elude their halfhearted dragnet by changing his name to McKay and moving to California. And he might have been OK there, had he not — on the spur of the moment, he later claimed — decided to try his hand at stagecoach robbery, thereby bringing himself to the attention of Sheriff Standley.

Now pretty sure he had the right man, Standley tracked his quarry down to Santa Rosa, where he found him sitting in the lobby of the Burns Hotel reading a newspaper, and arrested him.

"Of course, I shall plead guilty and suffer the penalty," Harry Miller said in his confession. "I bear my father no ill-will for the way he treated me, and all I ask is that he keep away from me. I don't care to see Joaquin Miller again. If it had not been for the letter of my brother to me that Sheriff Standley found, my identity would never have been known. I would have gone to prison as Joe McKay...The last thought in my mind was

that of bringing disgrace on my brother, sister and aunt."

He pointedly didn't mention his father on that list. Time may heal all wounds, but it seemed clear that it was going to take an awful lot of it to take the edge off the bitterness Harry felt for his illustrious father — and the feeling appears to have been mutual. Joaquin several times claimed Harry was not biologically his son, and several of the biographies published after his death list him as having two children rather than three.

Harry Miller was booked into San Quentin State Prison less than a month later, in January 1892, for a two-year stretch. He was released four months early. After his release, he seems to disappear from history.

(Sources: Wilson, R. Michael. Stagecoach robberies in California. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2014; Wagner, Harr. Joaquin Miller and His Other Self. San Francisco: Wagner, 1929; Oregon Statesman, 11 Aug. 1891; Portland Morning Oregonian, 14 Dec. 1891)

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

July 14

Unauthorized use of motor vehicle, Grocery Outlet

The caller said she gave the subject a ride to town, and the subject stole her truck from the location. The vehicle is a black Toyota 4 Runner with no windshield or top.

Illegal parking, downtown

Twenty citations were issued to cars parked in downtown that had elapsed time limits.

July 15

Fraud, N. 7th St.

A complainant at the station requested assistance with a possible instance of identity theft. A subject opened up three online bank accounts in the complainants name. The complainant is not out of any money, and all of the accounts were subsequently closed. There was no suspect information.

July 16

Warrant service, Davison Rd.

Officers brought the suspect into custody on a Lane County Circuit Court warrant for tampering with a witness. The suspect was transported to Lane County Jail, where her bond was set for \$30,000.

Attempt to locate, Citywide

A Seattle air traffic controller said that a plane flying at approximately 12,000 feet had a lazer pointed at it from within the city.

July 17

Motor vehicle accident — unknown injuries, Pine Meadows Campground

Multiple callers reported a rollover accident near the location.

July 18

Custodial interference, Bohemia Park

The reporting person said that a female was attempting to take a child placed in her care by the Department of Human Services. The subject is a female friend of the biological father. Officers contacted all parties and contacted DHS for possible solutions. The reporting person kept the child.

July 19

Criminal mischief, Pink House

The reporting person said that a male subject slashed tires on two vehicles at the location. The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 35 years old, bald with a "bro" beard, and he was last seen walking into Safeway with a female and child.

Motor vehicle accident — injury, 10th and Main

Multiple callers reported a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian.

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745 S. 1st St. Fri-Sat 9am-5pm
Large variety of items including clothing, home goods, furniture, exercise equipment, electric organ.

GARAGE SALE
1213 Dublin Lane Fri-Sat-Sun 9a-4p
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ESTATE SALE by ROGER'S ANTIQUES
Must See Sale!
152 Village Drive Fri-Sat-Sun 9am-4pm
Amish hand crafted dining room set, Royal Dalton, albums, bdrm set, perspecta African art work, tools, garden

6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY July 23 51° 81° Sunny	FRIDAY July 24 53° 85° Sunny
SATURDAY July 25 52° 81° Mostly Sunny	SUNDAY July 26 49° 81° Sunny
MONDAY July 27 51° 81° Sunny	TUESDAY July 28 52° 85° Sunny

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CITY BEAT Excerpts from the City of Cottage Grove's Friday Update

Oregon City/County Management Association summer conference

City Manager Richard Meyers attended the annual Oregon City/County Management Association's summer conference in Bend last week. Meyers said the conference provided an outstanding opportunity for local government managers from around the state to gather and share ideas about how to address the many challenges facing Oregon communities. Meyers said he especially found a report from Wilsonville and

Sandy regarding some innovative ways to use Urban Renewal funding in economic development efforts useful and will be exploring that issue further. The managers also heard a report on the marijuana legislation recently passed by the legislature and what it means for local governments; a presentation on the federal FirstNet system and a discussion about local government potential financial liabilities under the continued implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Police administrative assistant retiring

Cottage Grove Police Department Administrative Assistant Beverly Kelly retired Friday after 10 1/2 years with CGPD, and staff at City Hall marked the occasion with a lunch in her honor.

Vehicle and equipment repair and maintenance

With the close of the Fiscal Year 14-15 budget, it is instructive to note what the City spends on vehicle and equipment repair and maintenance services during a fiscal year. The City Shop repairs and maintains vehicles and equipment for all City departments. During fiscal year 2014-2015, this work included Middlefield Golf Course (29 percent), Community Develop-

ment (.5 percent), Police (10 percent), Engineering (.5%), City Shop (57 percent), wastewater (two percent), and water (one percent). Total equipment and vehicle repair costs for FY 2014-2015 were \$69,275 which the City says was generated by a total of 277 repair orders. Police and Community Development make direct payments for their respective vehicle and equipment repair services. Vehicle and equipment repairs/maintenance for Public Works and the Middlefield Golf Course are covered by respective budget line items within the various enterprise funds. As a comparison, during FY 2013-2014, total vehicle repair costs were \$72,186 based on a total of 303 repair orders.

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The City of Cottage Grove is seeking interested applicants who reside within the City limits, to fill a vacancy on the Cottage Grove City Council, Ward 4. Applicants must be a registered voter, reside within the City for at least one year before appointment and reside in Ward 4 when the application is submitted and throughout the term. The term for this position ends on December 31, 2016. Applications are available at City Hall from 8am to 5pm, Monday-Friday, or online at www.cottagegrove.org. The deadline to apply is Friday, August 28, 2015 at 5:00 pm. Please submit completed applications to City Recorder, Trudy Borrevik at City Hall. Any questions contact the City Manager's Office at (541) 942-5501.