

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 50 and 60 years ago

**July 29, 1965: Booming Sport — Trapshooting contestants blaze away at targets during a meet at Cottage Grove Rod and Gun Club range, acclaimed as one of the finest in the Pacific Northwest.**



July 28, 1955

## Local riders to enter "Express"

Approximately 15 riders of the Cottage Grove Riding Club will take part in a "Pony Express" between Eugene and Roseburg early Sunday morning. The riders are racing against the Southern Pacific "Nightcrawler," which runs from Portland to Ashland.

The train leaves Eugene at midnight and is supposed to arrive in Cottage Grove at 12:50 a.m. It reaches Roseburg at 3:10 a.m.

The Express is being whipped up as a protest against the slowness of the Espee's "Rogue River" passenger train which the Company is planning to discontinue. Riders from other communities will enter the express too.

Roseburg is trying to have an early morning celebration to greet the riders and the train. Included in the program is a turtle race. (Symbolic, perhaps).

## POLICE BLOTTER

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

July 21

### Theft of bicycle, East Regional Park

The caller said an unknown male took the his bicycle and rode off toward Taco Bell. The bicycle is a specialized P2 Jumper, 26", single-speed mountain bike valued at \$600. Police were unable to locate the suspect.

July 22

### Domestic disturbance, Relax Inn

The caller said there was a disturbance in progress at the location. He heard yelling and screaming and walked in and found a male half choking a female. The suspect was

placed in custody for assault.

### Burglary, Bryant Ct.

The caller said he arrived home from the hospital and found his residence had been broken into; he was unsure of what was missing.

July 23

### Attempt to locate, citywide

A person of interest in a homicide outside of Eugene: Howard Stull, a 79-year-old white male, who was last seen wearing a white shirt and khaki pants.

### Suicidal subject, Speedway

The caller was told that there was a suicidal female at the location in a white vehicle. The onsite manager was attending to the subject, who had ingested unknown pills.

July 24

### Civil problem, E. Adams Ave.

The complainant had been allowing a subject to stay in the carport at the location as long as she was "clean." The subject arrived that night loaded with syringes; the complainant asked the subject to leave. The subject told juveniles at the location that she was going to slit their throats. She then left the location.

### Information, Union 76 gas station

The reporting person said that a white female, approximately 20 years old, attempted to change two \$50 bills, which were fake. The suspect was last seen heading southbound on Highway 99 in a blue Ford.

### Domestic disturbance, Hwy. 99

The caller said that someone had been stabbed at the location.

July 25

### Theft, Carver Pl.

The caller requested a said that a gun, a Ruger 44-40 handgun, was missing from the location. She said the gun belonged to her brother, who was recently killed in a car accident.

## CITY BEAT

Selections from the City's Friday Update

### The mayors are coming!

Next week, mayors from around the state of Oregon will be coming to Cottage Grove for the annual Oregon Mayors Summer Conference to be held here in Cottage Grove. The City encourages everyone in Cottage

Grove to be a part of the conference by attending the Art Walk on Friday, July 31. The Art Walk is being called the "Super Art Walk" because of all the activities and groups that are involved. The mayors will be downtown for the Super Art Walk from 4:30-6 p.m.

### Row River Trail mile markers

From the Mosby Creek trailhead to the top of the Row River Trail, there are mile markers every one-half mile. Many of the numeric discs, mounted on posts, have either fallen off or been pried off. The Public Works Department recently ordered 64 replacement mile marker discs to replace those that are damaged, faded or missing. Initially, the discs will be replaced on the existing mile marker

posts between Mosby Creek Trailhead and the top of the Row River Trail.

Later on, the City says it will install posts and discs along its portion of the trail, between Trail Head Park and the Mosby Creek trailhead. The bike path is 16 miles in length, with three miles under the ownership of the City and 13 miles under the ownership of the Bureau of Land Management. Bicycle enthusiasts have stated that they like the mile markers to keep track of progress on the trail.

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## OFFBEAT

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by refining it themselves would expose themselves to sometimes deadly levels of both alpha and gamma radiation. Miners who worked in underground mines would spend the entire workday inhaling radioactive dust — sometimes they'd have competitions at the end of the day, breathing on the Geiger counter and betting on whose exhalations would raise the needle highest. For most of them, death from lung cancer was not more than a decade or two away after that kind of exposure. Oregon had just one underground operation, part of the White King

mine.

Nor did Oregon sacrifice any priceless relics of its ancient past on the altar of uranium profits, as did Utah. In July 1955, a geologist there found an almost complete skeleton of a juvenile stegosaurus — but the petrification of the bones had occurred with uranium-rich minerals. Into the processing mill the priceless 150-million-year-old artifact went, yielding for its happy finder a few hundred dollars' worth of uranium. A similar fate befell a massive log of petrified wood, 100 feet long and four feet in diameter.

Oregon didn't exactly get off scot-free, though. Today, both

the White King and the Lucky Lass are Superfund cleanup sites.

In recent years, proposals have been floated for a resumption of uranium mining in Eastern Oregon, under the auspices of major mining companies that would presumably follow better practices. Unlike the situation in the 1950s, though, there has been considerable resistance to these plans. Hundreds of tons of high-grade "yellowcake" ore remains out there in the Oregon high desert, and mining it could yield plenty of good-paying jobs — but a substantial percentage of the population is no longer convinced it's worth the risk.

(Sources: Allen, Cain. "Uranium miners," Oregon History Project, ohs.org; Ringholz, Raye. Uranium Frenzy. Logan, Utah: USU Press, 2002; Seff, Philip and Nancy. Petrified Lightning. Raleigh, N.C.: Contemporary, 1996; Portland Morning Oregonian, 03 July 1956)

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**6-day weather forecast**

<b>THURSDAY July 30</b> 58°   101° Sunny	<b>FRIDAY July 31</b> 59°   101° Sunny
<b>SATURDAY Aug. 1</b> 59°   97° Partly Cloudy	<b>SUNDAY Aug. 2</b> 57°   95° Sunny
<b>MONDAY Aug. 3</b> 58°   96° Sunny	<b>TUESDAY Aug. 4</b> 55°   92° Sunny

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