

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Aug. 7, 1975

Keep on truckin'

Gasoline is available if you have the money, there's plenty of traffic on the road, and few drivers are paying too close attention to the posted 55 mile per hour speed limit.

That is what weekend motorists had to say Sunday afternoon as they rested for short moments at the Gettings Creek Rest Area north of Cottage Grove on I-5.

Attempting to beat the high costs of traveling, many drivers were taking taking their "motels" along with them in the form of travel trailers and tents.

One family, towing a small trailer, explained, "We wouldn't go as far if we had to stay in motels and hotels."

Another small family heading to Washington from California, reported it was helping to cut costs by sleeping the two adults in the car and putting up the children in a tiny silver trailer that tagged along behind.

One California man, who said he makes an annual trip to British Columbia, said this year's traffic has recovered from the low level it reached during the gas shortage last year.

Saying the cheapest gasoline he'd found was 60.9 cents, the seasoned traveler added, "It's easy to obtain — if you got the money."

And one driver not only towed a trailer for supplies, but also had three bicycles racked up on the top of his small import car.

"We usually take them along," he explained. "It lets you get closer to things."

However they were going about it, motorists were out in force Sunday and the I-5 rest area reflected the many styles traveled.

Probably only the fact that Fire Chief Samuel Loophole Mackin is so well upholstered saved him from serious injury Monday noon when the fire department was called to Mrs. Meranda's apartment over the Farmers' Union store.

On account of his rotundity, Samuel Loophole often arrives a few moments late for a fire, in which cases he jumps onto the fire truck as it is leaving the station. This time he missed his footing and fell in a semi-sitting position while one wheel of the truck ran over an ankle. That did not stop him from continuing on his way to the fire and directing his firemen. An examination afterward showed that there were no broken bones and only slight bruises.

The fire, which started from a flatiron which had been left on an ironing board with the heat on, was quickly controlled.

Aug. 8, 1935

Sam Loophole Mackin nearly wrecks self

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

POLICE BLOTTER

July 29

Animal info, Walmart

The caller said he saw a horse running at large on the bike path.

Lewd conduct, Bohemia Park

The caller said there was a transgender on the playground with her dress pulled up/down. The complainant wanted the subject to be told to leave.

July 30

Hit and run — property, E. Quincy Ave.

The caller said the vehicle

drove up through his yard, struck a school sign and drove off. Neighbors in the area reportedly did not see or hear anything. The estimated damage was \$200.

July 31

Custodial interference, E. Taylor Ave.

The complainant said the subject disappeared with his six-year-old son and has no idea where they are. Per the complainant, there is a custody order that awards 50-percent custody to both parties.

Theft from vehicle, S. 7th St.

The complainant at the station

said that an unknown subject entered her vehicle Wednesday night and stole multiple items, including a Tom Tom GPS unit, Kodak camera and 12 country CDs. The stolen property was valued at more than \$300.

Agency Assist, London Rd.

Oregon State Police said they were in pursuit of a vehicle that crashed into a ditch. The suspects scattered from the vehicle, and OSP requested night-vision equipment.

Aug. 1

Wanted subject, Jasper's Deli

An officer on patrol contacted a subject who was wanted by

Eugene Police for robbery. The subject was transported to and lodged at the station pending instructions from EPD.

Aug. 2

Agency assist, I-5 northbound

Multiple callers reported a single vehicle rollover accident that was blocking both lanes of traffic.

Aug. 3

Domestic disturbance, W. Main St.

The caller said her 40-year-old daughter was intoxicated and out of control.

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MOVING SALE

810 Lincoln Ave.
Thurs-Fri-Sat 8am-5pm
Couch & chair, recliner, dining table & 6 chairs, bdrm furniture, kitchen appliances, W/D and lots more!

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121 Andrew Drive
Fri-Sat 8am-4pm
Tools, some furniture, Weber BBQ, small appliances, more!

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2009 W. Main St.
Fri-Sat 9am-4pm

1630 ANTHONY AVE.

Fri-Sat 9am-5pm
Craft supplies, glassware, pottery, wedding dress, picture frame, electric clothes dryer, misc. household & more.

NAME YOUR PRICE SALE

American Legion Hall, 826 W. Main St.
Presented by Humane Society of CG - All proceeds help animals in our area.

GARAGE SALE

1180 Edgewater Lane (street behind Figaro's)
Sat. only 8am-5pm
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33166 E. Saginaw Rd.
Fri-Sat-Sun 9am-5pm

NEWSPAPERS BRING LEARNING TO LIFE!

CITY BEAT

Selections from the City's Friday Update

Summer Rdg. special guests (Woof, Woof)

The Cottage Grove Public Library announces a special visit with the Lane County Puppy Raisers for Oregon Guide Dogs for the Blind on Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Kids are encouraged to come and learn all about guide dogs and the amazing work that they do.

Summer Reading wrap-up party

The Library's Summer Reading Program Wrap-up will take place Wednesday, Aug. 19 from 2-4 p.m. The

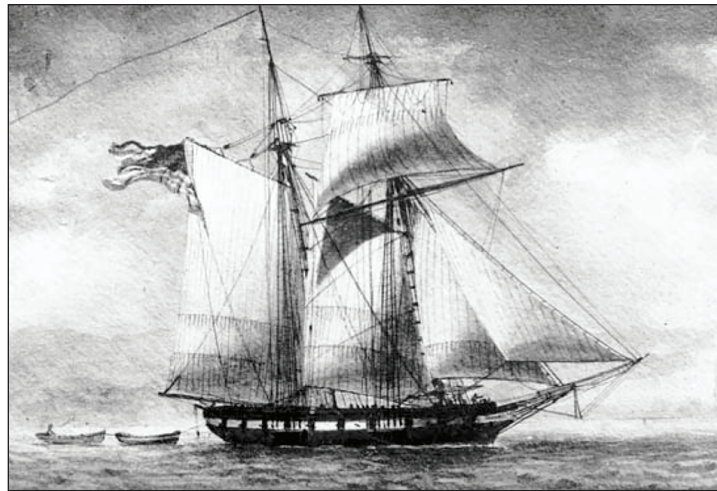
party will feature a magical performance by the one and only local celebrity performer "Jay the Magician". Year-end grand prizes will be awarded to amazing summer readers.

Middlefield youth golf camp success

Twenty-four youthful golfers just completed the six-week Middlefield Golf Course Youth Golf Camp and are now inspired new young golfers. Special thanks go out to Phil Jones, Dan Pearson and many other local golfers who helped organize and teach the camp. Great job golfers and instructors on completing another awesome summer camp at Middlefield Golf Course.

OFFBEAT

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The USS Shark as she appeared in the mid-1830s during a voyage in the Mediterranean Sea, as depicted in a watercolor painting by Francois Roux.

Juan de Fuca from east to west, making its way to the Pacific Ocean. Things were brewing on the west side of the new nation that the Navy thought might require a little gunboat diplomacy — in particular a forthcoming war with Mexico and growing strife with the British over who was going to control what part of the Oregon country. And in 1846, the Shark got orders to exercise that gunboat diplomacy on the Columbia River.

The British had had the upper hand in the Oregon Territory

nearly from the start, with their professional and well-run Hudson's Bay Company outpost at Fort Vancouver. The entire territory included what today is Washington and much of British Columbia, and it had been held under a joint-occupancy treaty since the conclusion of the War of 1812.

By the early 1840s, though, this treaty had started showing strain. What started as a tiny trickle of American emigrants showing up and claiming homesteads turned, after about 1840,

into a great torrent of covered wagons. By the time the Shark arrived, the territory — which just seven years earlier had been virtually all British — was peppered with American sodbusters, some of whom were starting to jump the claims of Hudson's Bay Company north of the Columbia.

Tensions were getting very high. The slogan "Fifty-four forty or fight!" was coined about this time among Eastern newspapers — meaning that the Americans were determined to have all the territory, clear up to the boundary of Russian America (now Alaska). The British weren't keen to fight, but fairly confident that if they did, they'd win this time (third time's the charm, right?). Clearer American heads agreed and were working hard to come to some kind of arrangement by which these two great international powers could be prevented from getting into a massive, bloody war over a tiny frontier outpost in the middle of nowhere.

By the end of the Shark's time in Oregon waters, it had been quite successful. The British got the message as intended; meanwhile, with officers of the United States Navy on the scene to enforce the law, rogue American settlers were much

more tractable, and several land disputes were settled in favor of the British, whose authority the American settlers had been unwilling to recognize. Had it not been for the pesky problem of sailors deserting to join the settlers' ranks, Captain Howison would have been most pleased with the success of his mission.

Instead, he found himself hurrying through his duties, racing against time, desperate to get his mission done and the bar behind him before a critical mass of his sailors figured out how to get off the ship.

That haste would cost him greatly — although his loss in 1846 would be our gain today. We'll talk about that in next week's column.

(Sources: Shine, Greg P. "A Gallant Little Schooner," Oregon Historical Quarterly, Dec. 2008; Gibbs, James Jr. Pacific Graveyard. Portland: Binford, 1950; www.cbhistory.org)

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY Aug. 6 54° 84° Sunny	FRIDAY Aug. 7 56° 86° Sunny
SATURDAY Aug. 8 55° 81° Poss. Showers	SUNDAY Aug. 9 54° 81° Partly Cloudy
MONDAY Aug. 10 54° 81° Sunny	TUESDAY Aug. 1 55° 82° Sunny

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