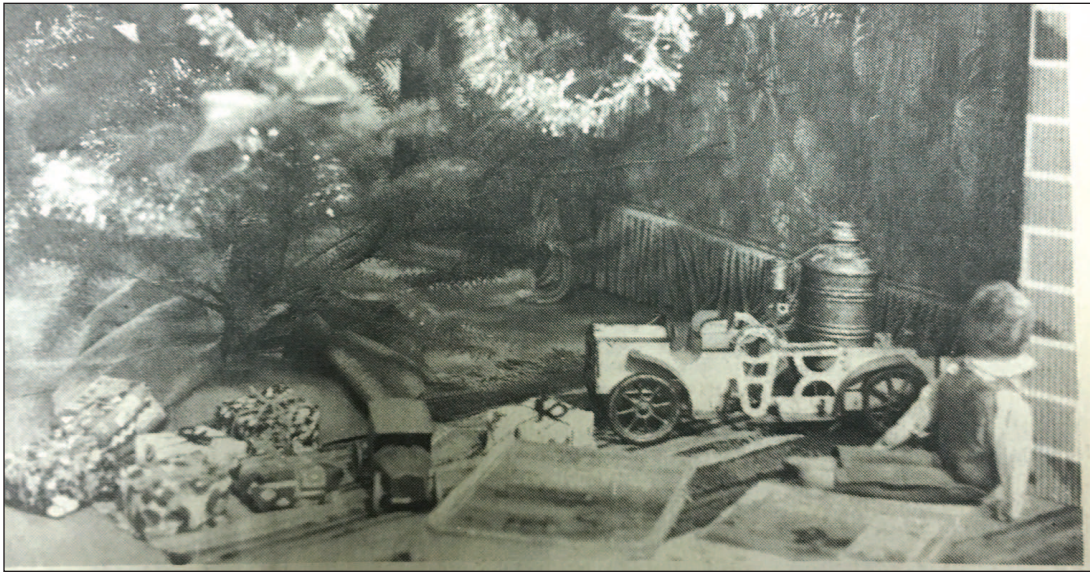


Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 40 and 60 years ago



Dec. 25, 1975: Christmas Past

Area residents got "just a hint of Christmas past at the December open house of the Cottage Grove Historical museum. According to Donna Allen, chairman of the museum committee, the rag doll and toy fire truck in the Christmas tree display were both 1912 vintage.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Dec. 24

Death Investigation, Holly Ave

A reporting person advised of their 90 year old mother appearing to be unresponsive and was unable to find a pulse. The caller was transferred to Central Lane County.

Agency Assist, Valley View

Units were enroute to the location with medics for suspicion of gunshots being fired. The

officers on scene confirmed that their were multiple gunshot wound victims inside the residence.

Dec. 25

Domestic Disturbance, Gateway Blvd

A caller advised that the neighbor downstairs was beating her kids; the kids are now upstairs with the caller. The children are 18 and 16 years old. The subject was still downstairs

screaming and was intoxicated.

Unlawful vehicle entry, Johnson Ave

A caller advised that their vehicle was broken into last night at the location. Reporting items missing were a wallet with debit cards and credit cards, an iPod, two buck knives in a case and two other unknown brand knives. The total approximate value is \$450.

Theft from Vehicle, 10th St.

A caller advised their vehicle

was broken into last night and his daughter's tablet was stolen. The tablets are LG tablets and worth approximately \$99 each. The officers also seized a cigarette butt at the scene since no one at the residence smokes.

Theft, Beach Rd.

A caller advised that multiple guns have been stolen from her residence; the caller was transferred to Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Dec. 26

Theft from Vehicle, Johnson Ave

A caller advised that her vehicle was broken into and that a Samsung Galaxy S6 cell phone was stolen, the approximate value being \$900. The vehicle was left unlocked.

Burglary, 6th St.

A caller had just arrived home to find that her residence had been broken into. A grey HP

laptop was stolen, \$50 cash and miscellaneous jewelry was missing as well.

Unlawful Vehicle Entry, Arthur Ave.

A caller advised that her wallet was stolen out of her car and the subject has used her credit card at Little Caesars, Short Stop and Kwik Pick Market.

OFFBEAT

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crystallized Martin's attitudes toward members of other ethnic groups into frank disdain. In this he was hardly unique among imperial-age military men. When it's one's job to kill people, thinking of them as subhuman beasts to be eradicated rather than as brother men makes that job a lot more psychologically tolerable. And that kind of reductive, dehumanizing thinking can and did become a lifelong habit for an entire generation of British, French and American military men.

Following the Boxer Rebellion, Martin returned to the states and served in various functions with great discipline and competence, much of it in the Portland area. In 1913, the Army lent him to the limping, ramshackle Oregon National Guard so that he might instill some proper military discipline into it. In 1916 he was deployed to reinforce Gen. John Pershing in his operations against Poncho Villa in Mexico.

And then the U.S. entered the First World War.

Martin, by now a full-bird colonel, was temporarily promoted to brigadier general and put in

charge of training camps. It's in this capacity that he earned the nickname "Iron pants."

His success in breaking down recruits to build them back up as soldiers led to Martin being given a particularly noteworthy assignment near the end of the war — an assignment that would probably be the ugliest stain on his career. The military authorities had a problem that they wanted his help with. It seemed that the African American soldiers who had signed up to go to France and fight had been treated as equals by the French, rather than as subhumans. Despite increasingly desperate attempts by white officers to induce the French to adopt the proper attitude of arrogance and disdain toward them, the black doughboys were enjoying an unprecedented level of social freedom and acceptance. The worry was that they had gotten used to this, and would use their new status as war heroes to demand similar equality upon their return to the states.

What was needed, according to military authorities, was a reindoctrination clinic of sorts, under the guise of "training." And who better to administer that

training than old Iron Pants?

Martin himself had no use for blacks, opining many times that they were inferior in every way to himself and his white friends, and was thoroughly on board with the plan to "put them back in their place."

Thus did Charles Henry Martin, future governor of the state of Oregon, become the central figure in one of the most shameful events in American military history — the deliberate, systematic breaking of the spirit of an entire divisional cohort of American combat veterans and war heroes.

The black veterans were given the most degrading duties Martin could find for them, including cleaning out toilet pits, burying rotting corpses, and the kind of meaningless rock-breaking busywork one associates with prison chain gangs. They were worked all day and given no liberty to leave the camp. Meanwhile, Martin and his staff cultivated rumors back home that they had been running amok in France, raping French girls by the dozens, and Martin openly referred to them as the "rapist division." (An investigation later revealed that for the entire war, just two charges of rape were made against members of the division.)

It is worth noting that Martin, after the war, blamed the low status of this "training" assignment for the fact that his tempo-

rary promotion to general was not made permanent after the war. Perhaps lingering resentment of that belief is why, after the war, Martin filed a report that would become the core of the U.S. Army's policy on African American soldiers from the early 1920s until the early years of the Second World War. It was designed to minimize blacks' access to the kind of combat roles in which they might distinguish themselves as heroes, to avoid having black officers over the rank of first lieutenant, and most of all to ensure that no white soldier or officer ever had to take an order from any black man of any rank whatever.

Martin's Army career ended with his retirement in 1927. He left the Army a very different man than he had been when he entered it. A merciless disciplinarian with a worshipful attitude toward vested authority and a growing fear of communism, he was already starting to show signs of the Gen. Jack D. Ripper-style paranoia that his political career would reveal after his return to civilian life.

We'll talk about that political career in next week's column.

(Sources: Murrell, Gary. Iron Pants: Oregon's Anti-New-Deal Governor. Pullman, Wash.: WSU Press, 2000; Murrell, Gary. "Hunting Reds in Oregon," Oregon Historical Quarterly, winter 1999)

JOYCE

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way: What are you hoping for? What are you expecting in life? What are you looking forward to? Focus on that.

My negative outlook was due to my attitude about all the bad things that had happened in my life. I was stuck in the pain of my past, so I didn't believe anything good would happen in my future. Because of all of the negative things that had happened, I was programmed to believe that negative things would always happen. I lost hope.

Well, God was there and He knew that. But over time He kept loving me and dealing with me, promising me what Isaiah 61:7 says: "Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours" (NIV). That's a promise for us all...a promise of double for your trouble! Double the blessing, double the joy, double the peace! Hallelujah! Now doesn't that inspire hope in your heart?

Of course, this double-blessing promise isn't for the double-minded. When you walk it out in everyday life, there will be times when doubt, fear, unbelief and weariness will come against you. It's in these times you will need to fight a good fight of faith. You will need to guard your mind against negativity about your situation. I encourage you to find out what God says about it and then stand on the promises in His Word.

The Bible tells of many times

when people encountered Jesus and He touched their lives, they wanted to stay with Him and follow Him — understandably so. But He sent them home—back to everyday life—to live out and share with others what He'd done. They had to hold on to what He had done for them. In the same way, we must hold on to whatever He promises us and be confident that He is working in our situation. Hope releases the power of the Holy Spirit in these times.

Hope I want to encourage you to make a decision to cultivate an attitude of hope in your life. Speak positive things about your future and refuse to be negative. You may not always feel hopeful but don't give in to your feelings. Catering to bad feelings feeds and empowers them. But standing our ground and not giving in to negative feelings starves them and causes them to lose their power over us.

Just ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. Line your will up with His and get excited about serving God. You could even be one who inspires others to become prisoners of hope!

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY Dec. 31 27° 45° Sunny	FRIDAY Jan. 1 26° 43° Sunny
SATURDAY Jan. 2 28° 43° Sunny	SUNDAY Jan. 3 31° 45° Sunny
MONDAY Jan. 4 34° 48° Partly Cloudy	TUESDAY Jan. 5 36s° 46° Partly Cloudy

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