**Icy road conditions** 

keep first responders

active on I-5

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 30 and 70 years ago

Jan. 3, 1946

#### Appeal made for funds for veterans memorial building

Approximately 3,000 letters are being mailed out this week from the Veteran's Memorial Inc., asking the people of South Lane county to contribute to the proposed all veterans memorial building here. The project is sponsored jointly by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American

Veterans, the Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations. A lot for the proposed building has been purchased.

Sponsors of the memorial hope to have the building under construction before the close of the summer.

The appeal:

To our friends of southern Lane county: The veterans of southern Lane county are asking you to assist in erecting a memorial to the men of our vicinity who will not come home. Many of you have sons and brothers or other relatives who have given their lives for our country and to secure for use the homes we live in and that we might continue to enjoy the privileges of a free country. We are asking you to join with us in expressing an appreciation of their sacrifices and to help in erecting a memorial building in their honor.

This building is to be used as a center for patriotic organizations. It is beautiful in design and will be a credit to the community. We are asking you to give towards its erection as much as your circumstances permit that you may feel you have an interest in honoring the boys that are resting in far countries and give the honor and respect due to them. Our commu-

rial Building Fund or hand it to H. E. Eakin at the First National Bank; C J. Kem, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Memorial committee; Chas. S. Hall, chairman of Veterans Memorial Building Fund.

nity needs this living memorial to keep their memory sacred. We think you will be pleased to have a part in this memorial and ask you to give what you can in bonds or cash to this fun. For your protection, send your donation to the Veterans Memo-

County Fire and Rescue had a busy first weekend of 2016, responding to at least a dozen calls related to freezing rain that left a sheet of ice covering the area overnight Saturday. Division Chief Joe Raade said that calls from motorists regarding vehicles that had strayed from the highway during icy conditions began at about 2 a.m. Sunday morning. He said first

> er temperatures helped melt the thin sheet of ice at about noon. Two areas in particular kept firefighters (and drivers) busy, Raade said — the area of Interstate 5 south of Cottage Grove to the Douglas County line from mileposts 168-171, and the interstate north of Creswell to the

Highway 58 exit.

responders had handled nine

calls before 2 p.m. Sunday, calls

that began to taper off as warm-

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Personnel with South Lane

"That area was nasty," Raade said of the freeway north of Creswell. "That's normally where we get 'em, probably due to the frost on the Camas Swale bridges. There's also some kind of change in the climate when you get down to the curves headed toward Curtin."

The first crash of the weekend involved a semi truck and car, though the rest were crashes involving passenger cars. Raade expressed amazement that no one was injured in any of the dozen incidents. Previously, icy conditions on Dec. 23 led to crashes including one in which South Lane Fire transported seven patients to the hospital.

"It usually takes a few days before people realize that they need to slow down and adjust their driving to the conditions," Raade said. "But it's supposed to warm up in the next few days, so hopefully we're okay for a



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Locations north and south of Cottage Grove on I-5 were prime crash sites this weekend.

#### Ice creates havoc over holidays

Jan. 1, 1986

The sights and sounds along Interstate 5 just south of the border separating Lane and Douglas Counties have been very consistent during the past two and a half weeks.

Consistently bad.

Oregon State Police troopers directing long lines of traffic, the flashing of motorists' brake lights and paramedics hauling around medical bags have been as commonplace as the sounds of truckers shifting down, flares sizzling along the roadside and,

for those in the wrong place at the wrong time, metal hitting metal.

Since Dec. 13, state police, paramedics and tow truck drivers from Cottage Grove and Drain have been making regular trips to I-5 between mileposts 168 and 162.

As of Monday, the OSP filed reports on 35 accidents in that area and many more likely have gone unreported. None have yielded serious injuries.

Ron Taylor, who has operated Taylor's Towing since 1969, says he would prefer business not being quite so good.

"This is the worst I've ever seen it," Taylor said Thursday morning after being called to an accident in the southbound lanes where the freeway begins to snake into a small canyon.

"It makes me nervous every time I'm here, I'm bound to get hit eventually.'

Taylor was responding to a mishap which came about when a Portland woman lost control of the car she was driving.

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

#### Dec. 28

## Neighborhood Problem, Tyler

A reporting person advised police of a problem with the neighbor, accusing her of allowing her dog to poop in their yard. The neighbor put a pile of dog poop on her doorstep and was refusing to clean it up even though it was not her dog that did the dirty deed. An officer contacted both parties and the subject was advised to call if she observes the reporting person's dog in her yard.

#### Theft, N 9th St.

A caller reported that his trailer was stolen from the location. The trailer is 12x6 feet with wooden sides. The theft occurred within the last two days.

#### Dec. 29

#### Burglary, S 11th St.

A caller advised that he believes someone entered his back door and that when he arrived home, all the lights were off in the residence which never happens. The caller then advised police that a vehicle in front of his residence left just prior to the police officer's arrival. The police officer confirmed that there was an entry through the back window.

#### Dec. 30

## Burglary, S. 4th St.

A man came in through a woman's unlocked back door while the woman was awake watching TV. The subject was described as a man in a camo hoodie who struggled with the caller and drug her out the back door. The woman got away and the subject was last seen going around the south side of the residence. The subject was possibly armed with a .45 revolver or possibly a semi automatic weapon.

#### Dec. 31

### **DUII**, Gateway Blvd

A caller advised of a red Corvette parked at the location and the driver is possibly under the influence of intoxicants. The driver apparently hit the curb coming in to the parking lot and almost hit the fire hydrant. The caller then called back to advise police that he is now urinating outside the vehicle. Officers contacted the subject and transported him to the PD for processing.

#### Jan. 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, Shoreview Dr.

A reporting person advised that a vehicle had rolled over at the location with three people inside. No one was injured, the caller was transferred to Lane County Sheriff's Office.

#### Missing Adult, Chamberlain Ave.

A caller advised that his girlfriend was supposed to pick him up at the Redmond Airport the night before and never arrived. He also advised that he has called her phone numerous times with no answer and now the phone goes straight to voicemail. The officer talked to the woman's roommate who said she talked to her around 6 am and was alright at that time. The roommate will call the police department when the victim returns so an officer can verify her status.

# Fire Chief, family rescued after frigid Christmas Eve

South Lane County Fire missing their route. Their truck hit a patch of ice and slid into Wooten found the tables turned over the Christmas holiday.

Wooten told a Eugene-based television station that he and his family were rescued on Christmas day after their truck got stuck on a snowy road. Wooten said the family left Cottage Grove to visit family in Crescent City, adding that during the journey they took an alternate with helping him and his family route toward Highway 199 after

hit a patch of ice and slid into a ditch, becoming stuck there. The family spent the day and night inside the truck, he said, though Wooten later hiked several miles to get cell phone service and call for help. He said he injured his knee but the family is otherwise okay.

Wooten credited supplies of warm clothing, food and water weather their ordeal.

# OFFBEAT

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When Dust Bowl refugees tried to come to Oregon, he ordered the state relief committee to close down the Roosevelt Transient Camp in Roseburg — he called it a "tramp camp"

— and hustle them on their a speech to a group of Young way. He vetoed every attempt at relief for veterans, and when some of them began falling behind on their government-guaranteed home loans, called them "skunks." He even proposed, in

Democrats in Eugene, that 900 developmentally disabled patients at the Fairview Training Center in Salem should be "put out of their misery."

"War is the normal state of man, in spite of all the wishful thinking of pacifists," he said; and in that war, in which only the fittest will survive, society can ill afford to coddle its unfit elements.

This was a philosophy Martin shared with many other military men at that time — including the ones who had seized power in Italy and Germany. Like them, he was not opposed to

public spending — just to public spending on relief programs. During his term, the National Guard and State Police never wanted for resources.

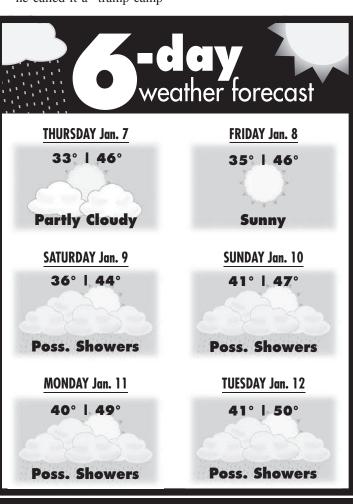
And those resources got used. The 1930s were a time of much unrest among unions and labor leaders; federal legislation had recognized unions' right to exist and to strike a few years before. Now, as they started doing so, they seemed to inspire Martin's full paranoia. Perhaps thinking of a labor strike as analogous to a mutiny among soldiers, he saw them as an existential threat to democracy and Western civilization. "The purpose of both same," he wrote to a sympathetic fellow military man. "To seize control of the government."

To counter this threat to democracy, Martin felt that antidemocratic measures were warranted. Martin waged what amounted to a cold civil war in Oregon from 1934 until he was stripped of his power in a bitter primary fight and sent kicking and screaming into retirement in 1938. We'll talk in detail about that cold civil war — the spies, the bribery, the perjury, the attempts to get people fired, and even a case in which a bloodbath was barely avoided — in

(the AFL and the CIO) is the next week's column.

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