

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Jan. 22, 1986 Former mayor back downtown

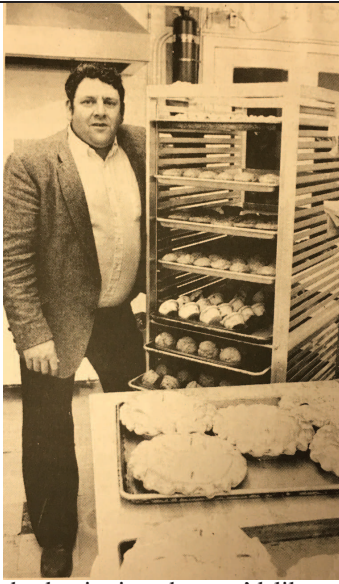
Just because he traded in his gavel last year for the tamer life, don't count on former mayor Bill Whiteman to be leaning back in a chair watching the rest of Cottage Grove going past him.

He said when he decided not to run for another term as mayor that he wanted to have more time for business pursuits as a partner in Inn Enterprises Inc.

And with the opening last month of the Bakery on Main Street, Whiteman is back within shouting distance of city hall.

Apparently he enjoys the homecoming.

"It's more than met our expectations and business is excellent," he said. "We said from



the beginning that we'd like to do something downtown.

He pegged the total investment in the business thus far at \$37,000.

Jan. 19, 1956

Cottage Grove has largest six-lane junior bowling program in Oregon

It has long been the feeling of most people that the best way to keep kids out of trouble is to give them something to do. Something they will enjoy more than trouble making pranks, which eventually outgrow the "prank" stage. What could be better than a clean interesting competitive sport, they ask. Milton Raymer of Chicago probably realized this when he organized the American Junior Bowling Congress.

Mr. Raymer's idea spread until over 50,000 youngsters in 43 states and four foreign countries participating in junior bowling. In the fall of 1954 he came to Oregon, sponsored by the Womens Bowling associations of

several cities, to organize the state Junior Bowling Congress. In November of that he he gave instructions in league development and how to help beginning bowlers to a group of adults in Eugene interested in starting the program there.

Last year, shortly after Margaret Spriggs opened the Cottage Bowl, junior bowling starting in Cottage Grove. Through the efforts of a handful of persons willing to give their time developing and managing the leagues and the excellent cooperation of local merchants in the sponsorship of teams, Cottage Grove can boast of 22 junior and ban-tam teams; an Oregon state record for a six-lane house.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Jan. 11

Suicidal Subject, Snauer Lane

A caller advised that her boyfriend is suicidal and has a knife. The call disconnected on transfer to the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Burglary, N 14th St.

A reporting person advised that a window in front of the location has been broken. An officer contacted the reporting person for addition info and to file a burglary report.

Suspicious Conditions, Anthony Ave

A call reported that another possible attempted burglary

occurred as the caller found a window screen ajar and wasn't sure if entry was attempted or if the screen fell due to a broken clip. The caller also reported the theft of a micro SD card from her Nintendo Wii.

Jan. 12

Found Bike, N 8th St.

A caller advised that there was a bicycle in the far left corner by the hedge at the location and that the bike has been there for two days. The bicycle is a green Sierra Quest with no seat and gears broken off.

Unlawful Entry to Motor Vehicle, Gibbs Ave.

The theft occurred between

2 and 4:15 p.m. where a video game was stolen that belongs to the library. The police tried contacting the library but there was no answer.

Missing Adult, Main St. PD

A call at the police department came in from a lady who reported her boyfriend missing. The officer sent out an "Attempt to Locate" the subject throughout his shift prior to taking the case as a missing person.

Burglary, Spillway Rd.

A reporting person believes that someone may be attempting to break into his house. The caller was transferred to the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

Jan. 13

Criminal Mischief, E. Gibbs Ave.

The owner of the building called at the location to advise of criminal mischief that has occurred over the last several days. The officers advised that the approximate value of damages to be \$500.

Shots Fired, HWY 99

A caller advised police that he was shot at while driving near an intersection at the location. The vehicle in question was last

JOYCE

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it when we ask for His help. And God not only wants to help us with our big problems, He also wants to help us with the little things in life. That's wonderful news because sometimes we allow the little things to get us frustrated and upset. One of the best ways to go through the day is to pray often, "Help me, Lord. Help me. Help me!"

In the Psalms, we frequently see King David going to God for help. For example, Psalm 40:13

(AMPC) says, "Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me!"

Notice that David was not only bold enough to ask God for help, but he was also confident that God would answer his prayers. We can learn from that too.

In Psalm 43:5 (AMPC), David says, "Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me and be disquieted within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet

praise Him, Who is the help of my [sard] countenance, and my God."

You and I have so many opportunities to feel sad or discouraged and have a bad attitude, but God wants us to stay strong in Him, like David did. Those who do will eventually come out on top, because there's no way the enemy can hold you back if you will trust God and keep your hope in Him.

Learn how to trust your helper

It's comforting to know God will help you get through the hard times of life. His grace and strength will sustain you while you're waiting for your breakthrough. Isaiah 41:10 says He will keep you strong and retain you with His victorious hand of righteousness and justice (AMPC).

Even when you're tempted to think, It's not going to do me any good to pray after the way I've acted, don't let that stop you from asking for God's help. Because when you go to the Fa-

ther in prayer, you don't go in your name—you go in the name of Jesus.

Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) says we can "approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." And Psalm 23:3 (AMPC) says, "He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him "not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake" (emphasis mine).

When you're hurting, in trouble, or waiting for answers in your life, you need to believe that your Helper, the Holy Spirit is with you and He wants to help you. Stay in close fellowship with Him and ask Him for the help you need. No matter what the circumstances may look like, believe He's working on your behalf. He is your Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthened, Standby—He's everything you need—and He's just waiting for you to ask.

OFFBEAT

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himself, so he was both a union man and an enlightened employer, and he made the jitney drivers' case in terms that were hard for an honest conservative to argue with. How, he asked, was it appropriate for the city to take action to squelch a cadre of entrepreneurial small-businessmen in favor of a bloated, centrally-controlled, government-

sponsored monopoly that could simply raise its rates if the jitney drivers took away too much of its business?

As a result, Portland's jitney drivers got to stay on the road much longer than others, and their licensing requirements were much less onerous. But the Portland Morning Oregonian — motivated both by publisher Henry Pittock's personal ha-

tred for Daly, and his sympathy for the high-rolling capitalists whose pocketbooks were being impacted by what they saw as illegitimate competition from cream-skimming peons — never stopped fulminating against the jitneys, relentlessly calling them (and Daly) socialists in blithe defiance of the dictionary definition of the term and decrying their business as unfair.

And as for claims that jitneys presented "unfair competition," Daly's response was equally brilliant. Of course it was unfair, he said. "Where has there ever been competition that is fair?" he added. "Competition means survival of the fittest; there is nothing fair about it."

Left unspoken, but surely understood, was a follow-up

question: Whose position here is really a socialistic one? The backers of a government-sponsored transportation monopoly, or the backers of a diversity of individual small businessmen competing in an open marketplace?

That difference is also why the comparison with Uber and Lyft doesn't quite work. Uber and Lyft are centrally controlled systems, more like a distributed version of the streetcar company than like the jitneys that once so vexed them. And the taxi companies, although few of them are one-car operations owned by the drivers, are locally owned businesses like the jitney drivers were.

And like the jitney drivers, it seems pretty likely that they will

lose their fight with the smooth, well-financed ride-sharing services. In the case of the jitneys, the coup de grace that took them out was the outbreak of the First World War. In the years leading up to it, competition from the jitneys inspired the streetcar company to upgrade its service substantially. When the war broke out, most jitney drivers found they could make a lot more money helping build ships, tents, cots and other supplies for the war effort. Their jitneys fell into disuse and they joined the throngs aboard the streetcars.

By the end of the war, stiff regulations had been put into place. The city's nascent taxi services were able to roll with the regulatory punches, but most jitney drivers found they could

no longer make a living collecting nickels and shut down for good.

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THURSDAY Jan. 21 45° 53° Rain	FRIDAY Jan. 22 41° 49° Rain
SATURDAY Jan. 23 40° 47° Rain	SUNDAY Jan. 24 44° 46° Rain
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