

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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



Feb. 2, 1956

First Citizen Lombard receives plaque

Herbert Lombard receives the 1955 First Citizen plaque from Victor P. Morris, dean of the University of Oregon school of business administration, at the annual First Citizen Banquet held jointly last week between the Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees. Lombard was chosen to receive the city's highest honor by a committee of three Chamber members, who survey the records of all likely prospects.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Jan. 25

Theft from Vehicle, Arthur Ave.

A caller requested officer contact at a location to file a report for unlawful entry into a motor vehicle. An unknown suspect entered her unlocked vehicle which was parked in the driveway sometime overnight. The title, registration and insurance documents were stolen.

Theft from Vehicle, HWY 99S

A reporting person requested an officer to file an unlawful entry into a motor vehicle report. An unknown suspect attempted to enter his work vehicle while parked on the street overnight and the passenger door lock had been damaged.

Theft, W Main St.

A caller reported of unknown

suspects that entered through a locked door on the rear patio of the location between 5:30 and 8:30 a.m. The caller was unsure if any property was taken.

Jan. 26

Disturbance, N J St.

A caller advised that he can hear subjects at the location yelling and screaming to "cut" someone. Officers contacted the subjects and put one in custody. The arrestee is now on a medical hold.

Jan. 27

Suspicious Conditions, River Rd.

A caller advised that there was a child left alone in a vehicle at Wal Mart. The vehicle is a dark colored Thunderbird missing the driver's side headlight. The caller states that the female driver

was acting odd and appeared to possibly be under the influence of something.

Theft, Main St.

A caller saw a male subject take two large bags of flattened cans and leave with them in a shopping cart. The subject was in a dark hoodie and beanie.

Theft, Palmer Ave.

A caller advised that the general manager of the business is on administrative leave and took home a quad that wasn't signed out. The caller advised police that when the quad was returned, it was damaged.

Jan. 28

Theft, 5th St.

A caller advised that his phone was stolen from the location on the 26th. The phone is a Samsung Galaxy S6 Edge. The ap-

Jan. 29, 1986

Village Green sale pending

The Village Green Motor Hotel, a Cottage Grove business institution for more than a quarter of a century, may be nearing a change of ownership.

While officials from both sides of the transaction have remained silent, the Cottage Grove City Council Monday night endorsed a liquor license request that, should it be approved by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, would be a step toward the sale of the motel complex, owned by the Village Green Corp. since being built in 1960. According to the license application, the motel would be owned by the Zed Corp. and operated by Golden West Property Management. Zed Corp is headed by Robert A. Jensen of Pebble Beach, Calif. while Golden West is a Fremont, Calif.-based firm led by Gordon A. Goletto.

Other individuals listed on the

application are Marc E. Leland of Washington, D.C., James Waggoner of Portland, Gordon P. Getty of San Francisco, Lawrence Chazen of Tiburon, Calif. and Kenneth Erbes Jr., of Olympic Valley, Calif., an associate in Golden West.

Brian Bronson, Village Green owner representative, Tuesday reiterated a stance taken last week that both the Village Green Corp. and the Zed Corp. "are bound by the terms of a tentative agreement not to disclose any information" of an impending transaction.

OLCC license investigator Lew White Monday said the council's recommendation would be used in the agency's determination to grant the license. Once the OLCC commits to granting the license, the applicants must pay the license fee and submit closing statements.

proximate value is 600.

Disturbance, E Main St.

A caller advised that her son is at the location intoxicated and is threatening suicide. The officers advised that the subject fled the residence prior to the officer's arrival. They found the subject at Mosby Creek.

Jan. 31

Suspicious condition, McDonalds

Caller reported that while working the drive-through she observed a female using a laptop she believes may have software capable of running license plates. When a customer passed through the window, caller said she saw a picture of the caller's vehicle on the laptop. Caller advised to call police if customer returns.

CITY BEAT

From the City's
Friday Update

'Live Healthy Lane: Defining our Future'

Registration is now open for the Live Healthy Lane: Defining our Future community event on Wednesday, Feb. 10 from 5:30-8 p.m. Registration can be found at www.LiveHealthyLane.org. This free community event (with light dinner provided) will be simultaneously held in Eugene, Cottage Grove and Florence. Results of the Community Health Needs Assessment will be shared and attendees will vote on the focus for the next Community Health Improvement Plan.

Kindergarten backhoe demonstration

On Thursday, Jan. 22, city utilities employee Rob Winters provided a backhoe demonstration for kindergarten children at Oak Park Christian School as part of the school's career day. The teachers and students sent Rob a very nice thank you card.

State books are here

The new Children's State Book fundraiser was a great success at the Cottage Grove Public Library. The entire collection of new State Books is now on display at the Library and ready for checkout.

Small cities local budget law workshop

On Jan. 26, Cottage Grove's Finance Director and Accounting Tech attended a budget construction work-

shop intended for budget officers and budget preparers for small cities. The workshop covered general budget concepts including budget terminology, estimating resources, organization of the budget document and budget forms and detail level. In addition, the Oregon Department of Revenue is also holding a basic local budget law workshop on Feb. 18 at Lane Community College from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for governing body members, budget committee members, finance directors, administrators and budget officers who participate in the budget process. The course covers local budget law basics and state property tax laws related to preparing local government budgets. Registration is not required. Those interested in attending can contact Finance Director Bert Olsen to coordinate transportation.

Water main break

At approximately 4:25 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, Public Works responded to a major water line break at "K" Street and Ash Avenue. Approximately 100,000 gallons of water was lost due to the main line break and a peak flow of approximately 4,600 gallons per minute was experienced. About 13 minutes passed from the time the leak was discovered to the time the line was shut down and isolated for repairs. The Public Works crew discovered a nine by four-inch hole in the bottom of the pipe. This particular water line is a six-inch cast-iron pipe that dates from the early 1960s. The City said temporary repairs were completed by 7 p.m. Tuesday night and the complete repair was finished by 11:30 Wednesday morning.

Dear Editor:

This past weekend, January 22-24, veterans and their spouses of Grande du Oregon of the 40 & 8 were hosted by the Village Green Resort & Gardens as well as the community of Cottage Grove.

What a wonderful experience we had in your area. There are so many businesses and citizens of Cottage Grove to thank. If someone is not mentioned please accept my sincere apology.

As mentioned in The Cottage Grove Sentinel's gracious article January 20, one of 40 & 8's purposes is that the Voyageurs (members) have a good time. And we did enjoy our selves in your community.

Steve Zeek at Middlefield Golf Course was gracious and welcoming to us. It was beyond Steve's control that the aches and pains of our aging Veteran's, only 1 felt physically secure enough to golf Friday morning.

As hostess Sharon Van Gorder, Chairman of the Cottage Grove Covered Bridge Association, started Saturday with The Covered Bridge tour hosted by the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce. The ladies throughly enjoyed Sharon, her energy along with her period correct clothing as she shared the history of each one of the seven bridges.

Saturday afternoon both men and women had a child like time with their arms in the air, jumping up and down as they yelled about their bowling success or teased each other about their gutter balls. All while Natalie and Butch of the Cottage Bowl did all they could to be sure the Veterans and their spouses had a great time on their Alleys.

Saturday evening the Village Green Resort and Gardens hosted our banquet. Our honored Guests, who both were instrumental in the selection of Cottage Grove as the location to hold our Cheminot, were your Honorable Mayor Thomas Munroe and his wife Elaine; along with Cottage Grove's Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Travis Palmer and his wife Sara. What a wonderful representative both Mayor Munroe & Travis Palmer are for your town.

During the banquet Mayor Munroe asked if he could say a few words. As the Mayor spoke what tremendous surprise as he presented the gracious gift from Phyllis Foster Pruitt. Three of her father George D. Foster's, World War I, T. Knudsen's pen & ink drawings, including one titled "Cutting The Wire", with supportive provenance, including a picture of her father in his World War 1 Army uniform.

Lane County V-80, presumed we were the first to host a 40 & 8 Cheminot in Cottage Grove. Phyllis Foster Pruitt shared when she was a child her father who was a member of 40 & 8 from the early 1920's until his death in 1962, hosted a meeting of the 40 & 8 at their farm on Thornton Corners Road in the early 1940's.

It would be regretful if Cameron Reiten owner of KNND radio station was not thanked for his kindness shown as he made me feel comfortable during his interview. Then the great job he did making the radio spot about 40 & 8.

I also want the thank Paul Tocco owner of Busters and his staff for their welcoming kindness to us and to all Veterans.

In conclusion, our weekend in Cottage Grove would not have happened if it was not for the package put together by Jessica Perkins and Connie Ourada, along with each of their team members at the Village Green Resort & Gardens who worked to assure 40 & 8 had a beyond our expectations times at their resort.

Grande du Oregon's Voyageurs (men) and Le Femmes (women) comments Sunday as they were leaving were: "The people of Cottage Grove all were so welcoming and nice to us."; We had heard of the Village Green Resort before but have never been here, we want to come back and make Cottage Grove and The Village Green Resort an annual location for a Cheminot."

Most Sincerely Thank you,
Glenn C. Knox
Chef de Gare (Commander)
Lane County Voiture 80



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