CITY BEAT From the City's Friday Update

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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



Feb. 12, 1976 Motivated Woman of the Year

At age 43, Mae Westfall said she doesn't know what middle age is. "I just keep one foot ahead of it. I'm a very motivated person," she assured. Mrs. Westfall was named the 1975 Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Feb. 7, 1946

Committee approves Dorena Dam

fund; bids advertised by Feb. 8

Press dispatches yesterday

carried the information that the

house appropriation committee

at Washington had approved

the sum of \$2,018,200 for the

construction of the Dorena dam.

Funds were approved also for

the Detroit reservoir, totaling

\$1,500,000 and for the Quartz

Creek reservoir, a tributary of

the McKenzie for \$130,000.

Monies for the construction of

the three dams comes out of the

sum of \$276,614,250 approved

The proposed expenditures

are expected to receive house

action soon. The monies will be

for the fiscal year beginning July

1, if appropriated by Congress.

the Dorena Reservoir was some

\$1,600,000 for the start of the

project, building roads, etc. It

is understood here the U.S. En-

Previously appropriated for

by the committee.

gineers will start advertising

for bids tomorrow, the eighth,

and the dam contract will let

in 60 days, or April 8. Work is

expected to start soon after the

expected to add to the housing

ills of this locality. Commenting

on the situation, one business

man informed the Sentinel yes-

terday that the matter of hous-

ing had previously been taken

up with the engineers and it was

the general belief that the work-

ers could be better housed near

the work, since the job would

require about 600 workers. At

best, Cottage Grove could only

supply a portion of the houses

needed. Some efforts may be

made to supply housing for a

few who may want to live here.

but the problem in general will

have to be solved in the future.

The coming construction is

contract is let.

Feb. 1

Citizen Assist, River Rd.

A caller advised that a male fell into the river and people are currently trying to help him out. An ambulance was requested.

Third degree theft, E. Gibbs

During a disturbance at Seventh and Main St. a caller advised an officer that a subject stole the caller's phone from the above location on Jan. 31.

Information, Main St. PD

A caller said she received a call from a friend of her daughter's that a male by the name of Jordan who goes by "Slim Shady" has made a threat to shoot up all the schools in Cottage Grove in the morning. The caller does not have any other info on the male.

Feb. 2

Theft-Shoplift, Kalapuya

A caller advised that some items were stolen from her store and then sold to Timeless Treasures.

Suicidal Subject, S 5th St. A caller advised police of a

male who has been talking about jumping off of a bridge and hanging himself for the last couple of weeks. The subject left the house approximately an hour before the call. He was wearing a Raiders jacket, a blue hat, dark grey sweatpants and black boots. The subject is known to frequent the cemetery on the west side of town and Mount David.

Hit and run property, Harrison Ave

A caller described a dark green Ford Ranger x cab driven by a Hispanic male with a dog in the front. The caller was in a 2007 Chevrolet Suburban, there was approximately \$1,000 in damages.

Feb. 3

Citizen Assist, Whiteaker Ave. A caller requested an officer for assistance because she accidentally hit an unoccupied vehicle and was unsure what to do.

Criminal Mischief, E Gibbs Ave.

A caller advised of criminal mischief that occurred at the location. Subjects apparently drove through a gate and damaged a foundation and some siding. The officer on the scene advised of approximately \$650 in damage that occurred between Friday night and Monday morning.

Feb. 5

Child Abuse and Neglect, Village Dr.

A reporting person by the name of Henry (an ER nurse) reported the possibility of child abuse due to both arms having been broken and infected at the surgery site.

Theft, Gateway Blvd.

Caller advised that their utility trailer was taken from the location last night. The trailer is described as red with two wheels and a single axle tilt bed that also had a refrigerator and a dishwasher on it.

Feb. 6 Tresspass, Gateway Blvd

A reporting person by the name of Ryan advised police of a female who has been at the location all day and is bothering customers. The subject advised that she has been abandoned in Cottage Grove with her belongings. After much discussion, it was agreed upon that the Cottage Grove Police Department will pay for one night of lodging. The subject was transferred to City Center Motel. (No room available, checking back later).

It was also determined that Pastor Dan Bryant of the First Christian Church in Eugene may be able to assist.

Equipment sold at Homeless Camps Brasher's auction

In late January, Cottage Grove's Public Works department sold an assortment of equipment that was worn-out and of no further use to the City, including small tools, vehicle parts, building and electrical supplies and pumps, at Brasher's Northwest Auto Auction, The City netted \$766 from the sale of this surplus equipment. City Manager Richard Meyers said the City makes use of Brasher's Auction on a regular basis because it satisfies the requirement that the City provide public notice concerning the availability of surplus items and it allows us to sell multiple pieces of equip-

New ISA certified arborist

ment at the same time.

Middlefield Golf Course Superintendent Kris Ammerman was notified this week by the International Society of Arboriculture that he has passed his exam and is now an ISA Certified Arborist. Ammerman has been pursuing this certification over the past several months. Public Works deals with a wide variety of tree and shrub situations throughout the City, and the City said it is very helpful to have someone on staff that can evaluate and provide advice on the best course of action in regard to tree and shrub health

Police Department new officer

After an extensive hiring process, the Police Department has made a conditional job offer to an entry-level police officer. Once a thorough background, psychological test and physical are successfully completed, he will be hired as a police officer trainee. There were a total of five candidates who were interviewed by Interim Chief Scott Shepherd. The remaining four shall be kept on a hiring list for approximately six months.

The City said it has received reports regarding a number of homeless camps and camping under bridges. The Police Department has checked all the bridges in the community. They will also be assessing other areas of the City that may have camps.

January Utility Billing

The utility billing for January 2016 had approximately 1000 accounts that only billed the minimum flat rates for water and wastewater. The meter reading data download had not completed prior to the launching of the generation of the bills. The customers that had consumption loaded on their account were billed correctly. Staff worked with the software company to correct the billing and new statements were mailed to the affected customers. Staff has been fielding phone inquiries and customer contacts. This situation has allowed us the opportunity to explain flat rates and how consumption is billed.

Cash receipting software in use at Library and Community Center

Because the financial software used by the City is cloud-based, it is accessible to all departments that have authorization to use it regardless of their location. Recently the Library and Community Center have started using the cash receipting software to issue customer receipts. Uniquely numbered customer receipts display the customer name, transaction date and time, amount paid, method of payment and amount of change returned.

OFFBEAT

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Astoria, the affable and heavily tattooed skipper explained that he'd stayed on board because, confident that his ship wouldn't fully break up, he hoped the storm would drive it high enough onto the beach that the cargo could be salvaged. If it did so, and he were not still aboard it, the derelict would be fair game for any salvager or looter who came along; so he'd stayed on board until he was completely confident that

THURSDAY Feb. 11

47° | 65°

Partly Cloudy

SATURDAY Feb. 13

44° | 53°

Poss. Showers

MONDAY Feb. 15

45° | 65°

Partly Cloudy

seas had started breaching bulkheads and breaking the remnant apart, though, he'd concluded that it was time to leave.

Newspaper accounts made much of Captain Johnson's fearlessness, can-do attitude and gruff friendliness, and readers couldn't help but admire him. Coast Guard rescuers, though, were beside themselves. By declining their services, Johnson had put them in a terrible posi-

FRIDAY Feb. 12

45° | 63°

Poss. Showers

SUNDAY Feb. 14

45° | 55°

Poss. Showers

TUESDAY Feb. 16

45° | 60°

Partly Cloudy

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that they mount a third rescue mission under unknown conditions at some unspecified future date, just for him. If conditions were life-threateningly bad when that happened, they'd be forced to choose between coldly refusing him aid and watching him die, and risking their lives on a rescue mission that they shouldn't have had to undertake, because they'd been there,

> Adding insult to injury was the fact that Johnson had put them in this position merely to protect a few thousand dollars' worth of cargo that was insured anyway. They'd gotten lucky;

> ready and willing to take him

off on the previous run.

it wouldn't. When the boarding tion — essentially demanding the seas were calm and placid when he signaled them for help. But if they hadn't been, an innocent Coastie or two could have died for that cargo.

So the rescuers probably nursed secret smiles the following month when, in the U.S. Steamboat Inspection Service's investigation of the wreck, Johnson was reprimanded for negligence and lost his pilot's license for 90 days. The reasons given for this action seemed a little thin — he hadn't been quick enough to activate the auxiliary steering engines, they said, and he should have dropped anchor sooner. So it's at least possible that in finding the way it did, the inspectors were doing the Coast

photo courtesy Saltwater People Historical Society

The freighter Laurel as seen from the beach shortly after being stranded on Peacock Spit, photographed by Charlie Fitzpatrick of North Beach.

Find your way to savings.

Guard a little favor.

(Sources: Gibbs, James Jr. Pacific Graveyard. Portland: Binford, 1950; Portland Morning Oregonian, 16-20 Jun and 04 Jul 1929))

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