

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at a Sentinel story from 60 years ago

July 5, 1956

Western Days begin now; Riding Club rodeo July 7-8

Rodeo stock of the Harley Tucker Rodeo Stock association of Joseph will arrive in Cottage Grove Friday for the 10th annual two-day rodeo sponsored by Cottage Grove Riding club. Mr. Tucker is bringing his stock from the four-day rodeo and show at St. Paul. This is the second year the Tucker stock has been under contract for the Cottage Grove show.

Mayor Jess Hill has proclaimed Thursday through Sunday as Western Days and has called upon the people to properly observe the four days by wearing western dress. Members of the Cottage Grove riding club will be on the search for per-

sons who do not observe the proclamation and will probably apply fit punishment to the offenders.

The opening parade to the rodeo begins at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The local rodeo will be held Saturday and Sunday at the rodeo grounds one mile south of town. It is a professional show, with amateur entries limited to five events. Entries for the professional events of the Rodeo Cowboy association will be handled by the secretary of the Tucker Rodeo association. They will be taken until Saturday noon.



Police chief Ed Jones leads the Pet Parade through Cottage Grove, with Rodeo Queen Floretta Anderson and her court, Princesse Judy LaBlue, Judy Larsen and Dona MacInnes accompanying him. Queen Floretta and her court will reign over the Western Days, Thursday through Sunday.

CLIP N' CARRY GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE
1011 N. 9th St., #21
Fri-Sat 9am-3pm
Beads, Native American bed work, misc. items.

ANNUAL CENTER STREET SALE
(off Mosby Creek Rd.)
Fri-Sat 9am-4pm
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ESTATE SALE
1440 Anthony Ave.
Fri-Sat 9am-4pm
Whole household of items must go - from clothes to tools and more!

ESTATE SALE
235 S. 12th St.
Sat 8a-4p; Sun 8a-12p
A little of everything - kitchen, camping, tools and more.

CORRECTION:

An article in the June 22, 2016 edition of the Sentinel incorrectly listed the weekly time of the South Valley Farmers Market. The market takes place each Thursday at the corner of Seventh and Main streets in downtown Cottage Grove from 4-7 p.m. The Sentinel apologizes for any confusion.

Original rules of baseball on display in Portland

Documents that the Official Historian of Major League Baseball declared "the Magna Carta of America's national pastime" will be on exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland (1200 SW Park Avenue) beginning July 1, through Oct. 9, 2016. The exhibit will be the first public display of these nineteenth century papers, which only recently came to light at an auction in California. The hand-written documents were drafted by Daniel "Doc" Adams and presented at an unprecedented special meeting of all New York area baseball clubs in 1857.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

June 27

Detox, HWY 99S

A reporting person advised police of a male subject observed climbing into a dumpster at the location. Officers contacted the subject inside the dumpster and took him into custody for non-criminal detoxification and transported to the station for lodging.

Theft Attempt, N. 10th St.

A caller requested an officer to report an unknown suspect that attempted to remove the license plates from his vehicle, which was parked in the driveway. The officer contacted the complainant, who declined a formal report but requested extra patrol during the graveyard hours.

Shots Fired, Gateway Blvd

A reporting person advised that a single shot was fired in the back of the location for an unknown reason. Officers on the scene contacted all present subjects and determined that the shot was actually a firecracker.

June 28

Menacing, Row River Rd.

A complainant advised that she was walking her dog while her husband was unloading their vehicle when a male subject tried to attack her with a shovel. The man was described as a white male with black boots and shorts with a white shirt and a long blonde or reddish beard. Officers checked the area for the suspect but were unable to locate anyone fitting that description.

June 29

Found Bike, E. Main St.

A caller advised police that a bike was found in the parking lot of a business. It appeared that someone had tried to burn off the lock that was attached. The bike is an unknown brand BMX bike with foot pegs on the front and rear and a Tootsie Roll seat cover.

Wanted Subject, Harlow Rd.

Police were informed that a subject who has been wanted was at the location to visit her children. Officers contacted the subject and took her into custody for providing liquor to an intoxicated person. The subject was transported to Lane County Jail.

June 30

Suspicious Subject, S. 4th St.

A caller advised police of seeing a female subject coming from the rear of a remodeled home, carrying a trash bag filled with stuff. Police were unable to find the subject after an extensive area check.

Suspicious Conditions, Bohemia Park

A caller reported seeing smoke around the flag pole at the location. The complainant advised that it seemed to be too much smoke for just steam or a bit of fog. It was later revealed that it was a fog machine for activities going on the next day.

July 1

CITY BEAT From the City's Friday Update

FEMA mapping update

The updating of the City FEMA floodplain maps will move forward this year. The Community Development Staff were notified by FEMA that the Region X Engineer had reviewed the differences between the (Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) tool provided by the City about a year ago and the terrain data sets used for the modeling and mapping of the Coast Fork River. He has concluded that updates to the draft maps are warranted. FEMA is coordinating with the US Army Corps of Engineers to prepare a

scope of work for the updates with the consultant hired for the work. FEMA is now wanting to discuss the scope of work with staff with the work to be funded for later this summer or early fall. The floodplain mapping project that has been on hold will now commence. Staff will provide further information as it becomes available.

Emergency Preparedness Fair

The second annual Emergency Preparedness Fair is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cottage Grove Hospital, 1515 Village

Drive. This is a family-friendly event with helicopter and emergency vehicle displays, informational booths, exhibits and more. Those interested in participating are asked to contact intern Glenn Rust at (541) 942-3340 or email him at Communitydev@cottagegrove.org.

Golf Course mower

On Friday, Middlefield Golf Course took delivery on a new Terrain Cut Rough Mower, a 2016 John Deere 9009A model. The City purchased the mower from Pacific Golf and Turf in Portland. The City also demoed a Toro and Jacobson mower and it was determined that the John Deere had the best specifications and features needed by the golf course. The John Deere mower will replace a 2004 Toro Grounds Master 4500 that has reached the end of its useful life. The purchase of this mower was included in the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget.

OFFBEAT

it reflect on the military; how would it affect home-front morale?

So the authorities were quite relieved when a third suspect was found: a cook by the name of Robert E. Lee Folkes.

The official story was that Folkes was fingered after Pvt. Wilson recalled seeing him in the kitchen as he raced through in pursuit of the brown-suited man and noticed he was sweaty-looking. So the Los Angeles Police Department had brought him in for questioning. Folkes, the LAPD claimed, had maintained his innocence until confronted with assurance that two women who said he'd made aggressive passes at them earlier in the evening had positively identified him from his mugshot, at which dread news he "broke down" and confessed it all.

Wilson, who freely and frankly acknowledged how bad things looked for him, greeted the news that Folkes had confessed with an obvious sigh of relief. "Boy, am I glad to hear that," he said.

He wasn't the only one. Folkes

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was everything the authorities could have wanted in a suspect, and then some: sophisticated and urban in that jazzy Harlem-Renaissance way, he appeared in court sporting a bright-blue "zoot suit." Even better, he was black — which in 1940s America made stories of his alleged wickedness a whole lot easier to sell than would have been the case had he been white.

Those stories sold very well indeed at Folkes' murder trial, a sensational proceeding held in Albany at the Linn County Courthouse and juried by eight women and four men. After 17 hours' deliberation, they found him guilty and sent him off to the gas chamber; two years later, his appeals exhausted and the governor refusing to inter-vene, this was done.

But questions still lingered in the air. The only real evidence against Folkes had been his confession — obtained by the LAPD in an interrogation. Had that confession been faked or coerced? Was Folkes guilty only of being handy when someone

needed a scapegoat?

The short answer is, almost certainly, yes. But the longer, more accurate answer is coming with next week's column.

(Sources: Geier, Max G. The Color of Night. Corvallis: OSU Press, 2015; Barker, Neil. "Murder on No. 15..." Oregon Historical Quarterly, fall 2011; archives of the Portland Morning Oregonian, Jan. 24, 1943)

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