

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at a Sentinel story from 40 years ago

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He doesn't call himself a wrecker

Doug Howell of Cottage Grove tears down buildings for a living, but he does not like to be called a wrecker.

"I generally refer to myself as a building dismantler, as opposed to a wrecker," Mr. Howell said Monday. "I can salvage 85 to 90 percent of a building, if I've got the time to do it."

Since last week, Mr. Howell has been dismantling the old Joe Short building on Main Street. The building is located just east of the new City Hall building, and the old store is on city land that is planned for a parking lot and driveway to serve the new municipal facility.

Mr. Short has moved out of the building, taking his business and merchandise to the city's old 6th Street city hall.

Earlier this year, the city called for bids for the Short building. The bidder was to get the building, with a time limit to remove it from the city's property.

Mr. Howell, operating as Doug Howell Enterprises, was the only bidder. He bought the building for a \$6.92 low bid.

The Cottage Grove man said he does not usually purchase buildings. He said he generally contracts to remove the buildings for someone else.

"The primary reason I did it was because the bid contract was written that way," Mr. Howell explained. "I didn't mind doing the city a job."

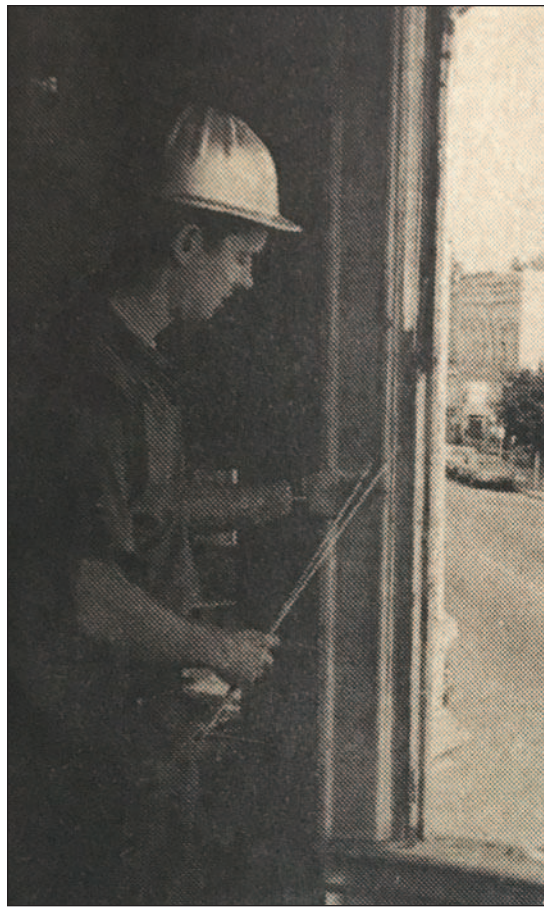
Mr. Howell said he made a similar deal with the city this year, when he tore down half of the old Southern Pacific depot at 9th and Main streets in return for the right to sell off the material he could salvage.

And that, basically, is the way Mr. Howell works. He bids to remove a building and then attempts to make his money by selling the material he can save from the structure.

"It makes me mad when I see these guys go in and knock everything down and haul it off to the dump," Mr. Howell said. "I get a lot of satisfaction out of recycling a building."

If everything goes as planned, Mr. Howell said he will have the Short building down in three to four weeks. He said he will probably make about \$6,000 from the project.

"I usually sell the material off the job; it's not unusual to have the entire building sold before I start," Mr. Howell said. "I've got about half of this one sold, and I've only been on the job three days."



Doug Howell takes down a building to sell the parts.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

July 25

Property Found, Spirit Trail

A caller advised that there is an orange wood-chipper in the bushes near the location. The wood-chipper is a Cray Bearcat Model #70050 with a Ramsey-Waite sticker on it. All attempts to identify the owner were unsuccessful.

July 27

Property Found, E. Main St.

A complainant advised that the interrupted a drug deal going on the parking lot of the location. The subjects dropped a bag of some kind of crystal substance. Officers on scene determined it was a bag of meth. One of the subjects was last seen wearing a red hoodie.

Suspicious Conditions, 6th and Main St.

An officer was told by his wife that a possible vehicle from the a robbery the previous day was last seen near the location. The complainant advised

that it was possible that this was the vehicle and the suspect from yesterday's robbery. An officer and an employee are going to review video footage from the Little Caesars and report to the police department.

July 29

Motor Vehicle Accident, 16th and Main.

Multiple calls came in stating that a female was hit by a vehicle on 16th St. The victim was transported to McKenzie

Willamette. The driver was cited for failing to yield to a pedestrian.

Property Found, 6th and Adams St.

A complainant advised police of a large purse sitting on the ground at the location next to a telephone line. The purse is turquoise in color with brown handles. It is a Rosetti brand bag containing miscellaneous women's toiletries.

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YARD SALE
78074 Mosby Creek Rd.
Fri-Sat 9am-2pm
Books, youth girl clothes, lots of 10 cent items.

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1306 N. 19th St.
Fri-Sat 9am-4pm
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No early sales!

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6 mile marker
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1st house after left on Gowdyville Road.
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ESTATE SALE
FRI-SAT 8AM-?
77500 S. 6th St. space A-49 (Riverstone Trailer Park)
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All name brand clothing: adult, girls 0-10, boys 0-10, Build-a-Bears, toys, home decor, too much to list! Cash only.

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35 S. 21st St.
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Saturday 9am-12pm

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1661 Hwy. 99 N., #16
Fri-Sat 9am-4pm

CITY BEAT

From the City's Friday Update

Webinar

The City Manager, Community Development Director, City

OFFBEAT

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ber of strikers. In response, Newhouse brought in a cadre of out-of-state strikebreakers — some of whom turned out to be thugs with sawed-off shotguns and prison records — to keep the paper going. These turned out to be better at making trouble than they were at making a newspaper, and the Oregonian's quality suffered shockingly, which made the union organiz-

ers' door-to-door efforts to get locals to cancel their subscriptions that much easier.

Meanwhile, over at the Oregon Journal — the competing Portland daily newspaper, which was still locally owned — one might have expected things to be going rather better. In fact, they were going much worse. The Journal and the Oregonian had made a deal for both newspapers to bargain together with

Planner, Main Street Coordinator and Chamber Executive Director participated in a webinar hosted by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) on Revitalizing Retail. The webinar shared ideas on how to develop and improve existing retail opportunities in the community and how to recruit and encourage

new retail developments.

Street Striping

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, City streets with traffic control striping, were restriped by Lane County. The City contracts with Lane County each year to restripe City

streets. This work is generally performed in one or two nights each year between 5:00 pm and 4:00 am. In addition to the street striping, the Public Works Utilities Crew has made arrangements with a private contractor to restripe the parking lot at Middlefield Golf Course. This work will also include the repainting of the handicap

parking spaces, as well as, the pedestrian crossings and speed bumps on Village Drive. In addition, the Middlefield Home Owner's Association may piggy-back on this job to have their parking lot, located behind the Association's community center, restriped.

6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY Aug. 4 54° 86° Sunny	FRIDAY Aug. 5 51° 84° Sunny
SATURDAY Aug. 6 51° 82° Sunny	SUNDAY Aug. 7 53° 84° Sunny
MONDAY Aug. 8 53° 83° Sunny	TUESDAY Aug. 9 54° 84° Sunny

the unions; this meant that even though the Journal had no dog in the Oregonian stereotypers' fight, it was forced into it, essentially, by treaty obligations. And unlike the Oregonian, the Journal was not financially prepared for it.

The Journal was no longer being run by the family that had founded it back in 1902. Fear-some newsman Sam Jackson, and later his son Philip, had built it from nothing into Portland's leading newspaper. But by the late 1950s all members of the family were dead. And the last surviving Jackson, Sam's widow Maria, had left specific instructions in her will that the paper

was under no circumstances to be sold to Newhouse.

But it was no secret that Newhouse wanted very much to buy it, so that he could enjoy an effective local monopoly; and the trustees were quite willing to sell it to him, if they could just figure out how to get around Maria Jackson's posthumous edict.

They'd already defeated one such edict. In her will, Maria had instructed that all the family's stock in the company was to be distributed to the employees. But the trustees had challenged the bequest, and got a judge to rule that she had made it in "wishful" language, and that

it was therefore null and void; so, the trustees got to keep control. Needless to say, Newhouse found these trustees far easier to work with than would have been the case had the Journal been owned by its employees — especially during the strike.

So the year 1960 found the Journal hard-pressed, and the Oregonian not much better. They'd teamed up to produce a single edition, the Oregonian-Oregon Journal, which was delivered to all their dwindling subscribers; but delivery was suddenly very uneven, and the quality of the newspaper was terrible. Cancellations were pouring in. It would have appeared to anyone looking, in early 1960, like the unions were going to win this fight.

But that's when one of the members of the stereotypers' union — the union that started

the whole thing — made a crucial mistake. And although that mistake wouldn't put the kiss of death on the whole operation — that would happen the following year, with the shooting outside Donald Newhouse's basement window — it would set the stage for it. Because, how hard is it to believe a union will try to murder the manager, after the union has hired bombers and given them dynamite?

We'll talk about that bombing, and the events that followed, in next week's column.

(Sources: Diehl, Caleb. "The Newspaper Wars..." Portland Monthly, Dec. 2015; Klare, Gene. "Let Me Say This about That." nwlaborpress.org, 1/01/2002; Diehl, Caleb. "The Portland Reporter;" oregonencyclopedia.org)

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