

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Sept. 23, 1976

Goodyear films commercial in local area

Friday morning, representatives of Goodyear, camera crews and advertising agency directors gathered near Cottage Grove to make a commercial to demonstrate the strength of a new Dupont product, Flexten, which Goodyear plans to use in its tire manufacturing process. Also on hand at the assembly point near Dorena Grange was Oregon Pacific and Eastern Railroad's old steam driven locomotive — called "old Number Nineteen" — and its three-man crew.

During the morning hours, crewmen and Goodyear technicians worked to connect the locomotive to the first of 12 railroad cars. The link was a ten-foot length of the new Flexten product.

Andy Graven, a Goodyear tire development engineer described the link as a 1.25 by two-inch "woven strap" that is similar in appearance to a seat belt.

Mr. Graven said the strap was custom designed for the Cottage Grove commercial. He indicated the strap would be used several times as the train was moved from location to location during different phases of the commercial filming.



CITY BEAT

From the City's Friday Update

Candidate forums

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Mayoral Candidates Forum in City Hall on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. and a Councilor Candidates Forum the following Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. The forums will be co-moderated by Cameron Reiten from KNND and Jon Stinnett from the Cottage Grove Sentinel. Additional supporting sponsors for the forums are the Cottage Grove 912 Project and the Blackberry Pie Society.

Metals recycled

This week, the Public Works Department transported 1,834 pounds of assorted metals to Pacific Recycling in Eugene for disposal, which netted the City \$2,620.62. The primary metals of value were red and yellow brass and copper wire/solids. The Public Works Department routinely collects various types of recyclables and transports them to the appropriate recycling centers for disposal. Once each year, the City submits a report to the Department of Environmental Quality detailing the total volume of materials that are recycled.

Equipment replacement

Public Works is moving ahead with the purchase of two pieces of replacement equipment that will be used to support utility operations. The first piece of equipment is a 2017 Ford F-450 Tipper Truck with a two-yard dump body. This equipment will replace a 1985 Ford F-350 Tipper Truck, also with a two-yard dump body. The second piece of equipment is a 2017 Freightliner Dump Truck with a Columbia 12-yard dump body and automatic tarp system. This equipment will replace a 1979 Ford Dump Truck with a 10-yard dump body. Both pieces of new equipment will be acquired through the Oregon State Cooperative Purchasing Program. The old equipment will be sold at public auction. The cost of this replacement equipment was included in the fiscal year 2016-2017 City budget.

Taylor Ave. Pump Station construction begins

H & J Construction will begin laying a new water line on Monday, Sept. 19 along Taylor Avenue between Gateway Blvd. and South 10th Street as part of the Taylor Avenue Pump Station Project. The project consists of:

- Constructing a new water distribution pump station near the school district property off Taylor Avenue

- Decommissioning two old pump stations
- Providing back up power generators at the new pump station, Holly pump station and Knox Hill Reservoir

- Installation of new water mains and services on Hillside Drive, Park Avenue, Taylor Avenue and Cambria Avenue

The City said the public can expect flaggers and possible delays in the area; the project is expected to take six months to complete.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Sept. 13

Animal Info, S Sixth St.

A complainant advised police that her cat was stabbed the night before. The case was taken for animal abuse.

MIP-Marijuana, Chambers RR Bridge

A caller reported that approximately five juveniles were passing around a pipe at the location and believed it was marijuana. The juveniles were no longer in the area at the time of the call. An officer reported of seeing an adult male smoking tobacco from a pipe.

Sept. 14

Illegal Camping, E. Regional

OFFBEAT

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from enforcement by industry-friendly courts.

But by the mid-1920s it could no longer be denied that the Columbia River salmon fishery was in terrible shape. Numbers were in steady and increasingly steep decline. In addition to the over-fishing problem, the fish were getting hit hard by land development in their spawning grounds, where cattle were being run through the little creeks and waterways were being changed and diverted into sterile irrigation canals.

So in 1928, Oregon's state legislature officially banned fish wheels. The canneries on the Washington side soldiered on for a few more years; Washington waited until 1935 to ban them; but by that time, Grand Coulee Dam was well under construction, and the river had been blocked. No one thought to install a fish ladder on Grand Coulee, or if anyone did he wasn't taken seriously; so, just like that, a good 40 percent of the salmon run was cut off from its spawning grounds and doomed to extinction.

And that was essentially the end of the Columbia River salmon fishery as a major economic driver in the Northwest.

Today, a greatly diminished fleet of gill-nets ply the lower Columbia, subject to strict regulation by the state. The highest impact on the fishery is from sport fishing now. Over the years since the 1930s, there have been several attempts to ban gillnet fishing, mostly driven by sportsmen who want to be able to catch more fish.

Park

A reporting person requested an officer to respond with him to two new transient camps found along the east side of the park. All subjects were given 24 hours to clean up the area and move on.

Sept. 15

Information, Row River Rd.

A caller reported that her 18 month old child is locked inside her vehicle with the windows rolled up and the keys are also locked inside. Prior to the officer's arrival, someone helped her open the vehicle with a slim jim.

Suspicious Conditions, Row River Rd.

Cottage Grove Hospital requested officers to be contacted because they saw two subjects hop the fence of the airport. The pilot was currently checking to see if there was any damage to the aircraft. No damages were found.

Suspicious Conditions, Harrison Elementary

Officers responded to reports from kids that at the south end of the track there were several people that were yelling at the kids through their window with a gun.

Sept. 18

Suspicious Subject, Main St.

A caller advised seeing a male

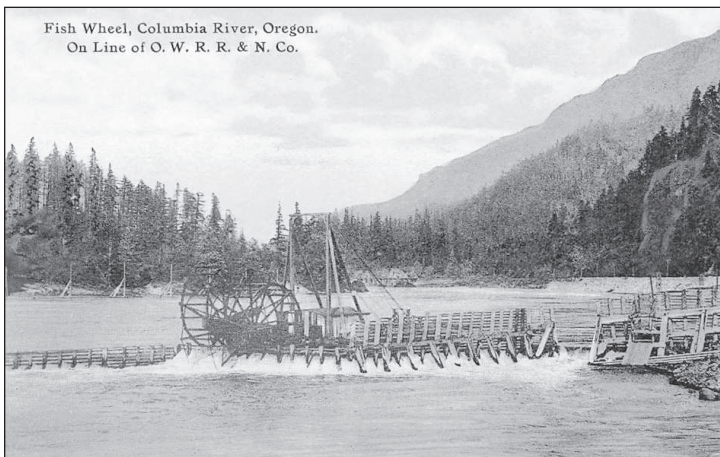
subject threatening anyone close with a machete. The subject was taken into custody for menacing.

Lewd Conduct, Dr. Snapp House

A citizen contacted officers in the east parking lot where a male subject reportedly dropped his pants. An officer contacted the subject who was clothed at the time. The subject was advised of the complaint.

Theft of Service, Davidson Ave.

During a routine patrol, officers observed subjects taking water from the location. Dispatch contacted the owner who advised that no one has permission to take water from the location. Both subjects were arrested for theft of services and released at the scene.



This hand-tinted postcard image of a fish wheel, this one shows the weir (underwater fence) built to guide as many salmon as possible through the fish-wheel chute to their doom.

These have all failed, mostly by large margins; but after the most recent one, in 2012, Governor John Kitzhaber stepped in to essentially give the sportsmen most of what they wanted.

The legislation Kitzhaber sponsored will eliminate gillnet fishing in the main channel of the river, shunting it off into side areas where the fishing is less productive, and cut the commercial operators' share of the total take back to, eventually, 20 percent of the total allowable catch, leaving 80 percent for the sport-fishers, who will also essentially have exclusive fishing rights on the main-stem river. It remains to be seen, of course, whether this will transform the Co-

lumbia into a sport-fishing paradise as hoped, or simply kill off the vestigial remains of what was once the region's top industry.

Regardless of how that works out, though, the fish wheels are gone for good ... or are they?

On the Okanagan River, about 10 years ago, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife started using a fish wheel in a new way — to count fish, not can them. The baskets scoop juvenile fish out of the water without snaring or hooking them, and because it all happens so fast they don't have much chance to hurt themselves flailing around in an underwater net. Once in the fish-pen, they can be logged, tagged with tiny electronic tags and sent on their way to the ocean, none the worse for wear.

It's an interesting new, positive role for an old technology that most people think is responsible for a goodly share of the collapse of the biggest salmon fishery on the West Coast.

(Sources: "Columbia River History," Center for Columbia River History, ccrh.org; Martin, Irene. "Gillnet Fishing," Oregon Encyclopedia, oregonencyclopedia.org; Kytr, Hobe. "2017 Deadline Approaches ...," Chinook Observer, 8-31-2016; "Oregon Commission Hears Review of Fishing Reforms ...," Columbia Basin Bulletin, cbbulletin.com, 4-22-2016)

6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY Sept. 22 44° 67° Partly Cloudy	FRIDAY Sept. 23 48° 68° Sunny
SATURDAY Sept. 24 48° 75° Sunny	SUNDAY Sept. 25 45° 75° Sunny
MONDAY Sept. 26 46° 75° Sunny	TUESDAY Sept. 27 45° 73° Sunny

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