

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

## Mill owners await rain Oct. 14, 1987



Logging restrictions due to extreme fire danger in area forests have local lumber companies praying for heavenly showers.

Curtailed logging operations have left several companies with few logs in stock. The curtailment has mainly affected smaller mills.

Bob Scott, a controller for Starfire Lumber Co. in Cottage Grove said the logging restrictions are the worst he has seen in

many years.

Starfire shut down its sawmill Friday morning and started up again today (Wednesday). Scott said about 75 workers were laid off because of the lack of raw material.

The loggers who supply material for Starfire have been able to log only five days since Sept. 1, he said.

"Ordinarily we would be stockpiling logs for the winter," Scott said. "We haven't been able to do that."

Cascade Lumber Inc. is facing similar problems. Sawmill activity has been reduced to about 60 percent of normal, said company representative Duane Hadley. Less than five employees have been laid off, Hadley said, but he added that almost all of the workers have seen reductions in their hours.

Hadley said he has been in the lumber industry since 1982 and can't remember a situation like this. He said future log supply could be severely affected because the com-

pany has lost nearly two months of prime logging time.

Larger companies such as Bohemia Inc. and Weyerhaeuser Co. seem to be hanging in there.

Public Relations Director Bud Stewart said Bohemia's Saginaw plant has enough inventory to keep the mill going full speed for another few weeks. Stewart said logging operations for the company are currently about 20 percent of normal. All current logging operations are west of Interstate 5, Stewart said.

Stewart reported that the restrictions have put a dent in Bohemia's inventory but added the company plans to log throughout the winter. He said there are no plans to curtail operations at either the Saginaw or Culp Creek facilities.

So far, Weyerhaeuser operations have not been affected by the curtailments, and company officials do not anticipate any raw material shortage.

### POLICE BLOTTER

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

#### October 16

An individual came to the police department to report that he was concerned that he may have been drugged. He refused to use the ambulance.

A syringe was found laying on the ground near a fire hydrant on River Rd.

#### October 17

A woman on 10th St. who is currently in Alaska but has cameras set up in her house reported that she saw what looked like flash lights being shined into her home.

#### October 18

A customer at the Safeway gas station in a white and green van paid for gas using a counterfeit 20 dollar bill.

#### October 19

An individual on Hwy. 99 called and reported that a 61-year-old was intoxicated and attacking people inside the house.

#### October 20

An individual came to the police station to report that his grandmother was intoxicated and missing. She was later found near Weyerhaeuser.

A woman on Ash Ave. reported that the Department of Human Services placed kids in her care but that their mother was now at the location attempting to take them.

A reckless driver was seen getting off I-5 at exit 174, driving through the grass, doing a u-turn at Gateway and Row River Rd. and then getting on I-5 northbound.

#### October 22

A domestic disturbance was reported on Madison Ave. when a girl inside a home was destroying it while others were inside. Both parties were reportedly intoxicated.

A group of three or four juveniles were reportedly walking on an overpass yelling obscenities at passing cars.

A couple arrived at their home on Adams Ave. to find that their front door was wide open and the screens had been removed from the back of the house.

A German Shepherd was seen chasing a deer on the 2100 block of Harrison Ave. The pair had entered the roadway.

An individual was seen throwing trash and attempting to feed an individual something poisonous.



## National Beat

News from the state and around the nation

#### From around the state

- A four-year-old Klamath Falls girl has been returned to her aunt and uncle in Kentucky after months of an adoption back-and-forth with an adoptive Oregon family. Laila Sloan was sent to live temporarily with her relatives in Kentucky two years ago with the understanding the couple would adopt her. However, a year later, Oregon ruled that an Oregon family who had adopted the younger brother she had never met, should also have custody of Laila. The courts have ordered the girl be returned to her family in Kentucky.
- ICE agents were filmed entering a private residence in Salem without a warrant and arresting a man who had been inside. Carlos Bolanos was part of a crew remodeling the house and has since been released after the footage emerged.
- Republican Sen. Jeff Kruse was released from his committee assignments in the Oregon legislature last week after reports of "ongoing workplace issues." The reports noted a colleague had reported being touched inappropriately by Kruse.
- The 15-year-old boy suspected of starting the wildfire that swept through the gorge has been charged with reckless burning, depositing materials in forest lands, criminal mischief and recklessly endangering other persons. The boy, reportedly from Washington, was not named.
- An atmospheric river fell over Oregon last weekend, dumping record-breaking rainfall on the area. The 5,000-mile front brought 50 mile per hour winds and 1.11 inches of rain in a single day.

#### From around the nation

- President Donald Trump announced last week that he would allow the release of confidential files related to President John F. Kennedy. The JFK Assassination Records Collection act of 1992 gives the government until Oct. 26 of this year to release the documents.
- Schools in Puerto Rico will begin opening to students again more than a month after Hurricane Maria battered the island. The buildings have been used for shelters with large percentages of the island still without power or drinking water.
- The Houston Astros defeated the New York Yankees to face the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series that began yesterday.

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**6-day** weather forecast

<b>THURSDAY October 26</b> 69°   46° Mostly Cloudy	<b>FRIDAY October 27</b> 72°   47° Sunny
<b>SATURDAY October 28</b> 69°   46° Showers	<b>SUNDAY October 29</b> 62°   44° Showers
<b>MONDAY October 30</b> 59°   43° Showers	<b>TUESDAY October 31</b> 60°   44° Sunny

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