



# A salute to all who serve

The staff of the Cottage Grove Sentinel is pleased to present this special 2017 Veterans Day edition in honor of our men and women in uniform. This publication would not be possible without the input of the servicemen and women of the Cottage Grove area and their families. We sincerely hope readers enjoy the tales of military service presented in these pages, and further hope that these stories may inspire community members to seek out the veterans in our midst, to offer thanks and lend an ear to hear their amazing stories.

## CG Celebrates Dawn of Peace

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Is it Associated Press news or is it another fake, was the first question asked by nearly everyone Monday morning upon hearing the news that the armistice had been signed by Germany. Upon learning that it was Associated Press and no fake, pandemonium broke loose. Sawmill crews, pounding big saws, paraded the streets, every cowbell in the city was requisitioned and those who could find anything else made drums out of old cans and pans. Motorcars tore up and down the streets trailing whole strings of old oilcans.

Cottage Grove's service flag, bearing the figure 282, was stretched across Main avenue.

In the afternoon all business closed for the day and the biggest parade ever held here marched up and down Main Avenue, patriotic singing and speaking following, with dynamite and fireworks being fired from Mount David overlooking the city.

A parade stunt that attracted

much attention was a representation of the Kaiser, with the devil behind poking aim with his three-tined fork. Old Bill was cremated in the monster bonfire while the crowd cheered. A coffin bearing several humorous legends was supposed to contain the kaiser's carcass.

Little Donna Bartell, representing a Red Cross nurse, and Knox Price, representing a soldier, made an attractive pair. Little Ross Knotts also represented a soldier and waved Old Glory.

Rev. Joseph Knotts presided at the speakers' stand, the exercises opening with an invocation by Rev. Callison. An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor T.C. Wheeler. C.E. Umphrey spoke of the need of a community house, which he suggested would be needed in welcoming the boys home. Mrs. Anna Gowdy offered a free site. C.A. Barcell, chairman of the United War Drive, spoke of the need of making contributions as large as possible and of the need of guarding against apathy

now that hostilities have ceased, while the boys will need care for many months yet. H.J. Shinn, chairman of the four-minute men, also made a short address but had serious competition in the big bonfire.

The speechmaking was interspersed by the singing of patriotic songs by the audience, led by Mrs. R.W. Glass. The program closed with the singing of The Star Spangled Banner.

A voluntary subscription was taken for the United War Drive, the amount received being

\$76.30.

The burning of the kaiser's helmet, representing the effacing of militarism from the face of the earth, which took place on Mount David, made an imposing spectacle.

So far as reported there were no accidents to mar the day and very little rowdy-ism. A squad of the home guard patrolled Mount David and allowed none to go onto the hill where they would be in danger from the exploding dynamite.

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## VETERANS DAY HAPPENINGS

### Elks USO show

Cottage Grove Elks Lodge No. 1904 will present its 18th annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Show on Saturday, Nov. 11. A turkey dinner takes place from 5-6 p.m. with entertainment beginning at 6 p.m.

Dinner is free to veterans. Non-veteran donation is \$7 or \$6 with two non-perishable food items, which will be used for the Lodge's Christmas food baskets.

Uniforms or service hats are welcome, and guests are welcome to help the Elks honor our veterans. Those seeking more details

can call 541-942-3554. The Elks Lodge is located at 755 N. River Road in Cottage Grove.

### VFW ceremony

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3473 will present a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 at the Cottage Grove Armory.



Sentinel file photo

The 18th annual Elks USO Show and Veterans Appreciation Dinner happens Nov. 11 and features patriotic entertainment. In this 2013 file photo, Eileen Eichler, Beverly Adams and Terie Bruley performed the "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B".

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