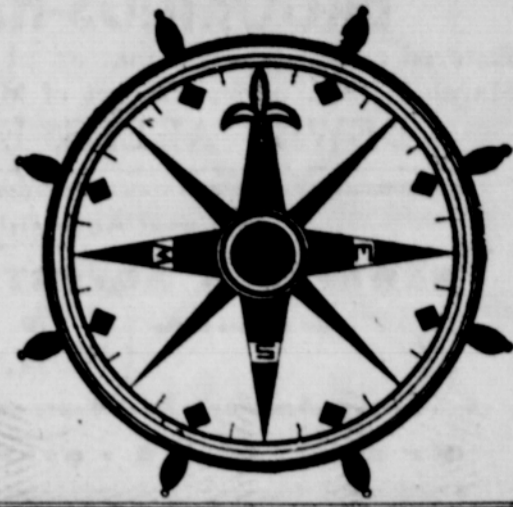


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Pioneer Teacher Of Paper Story Talks Over Radio

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Memories of old school days in Curry county, by Linnie (Snodgrass) Moore, (Reporter, 1-5) attracted my attention. She said that Florence Vandergreen (von der Green, I believe it should be) was teacher, only 16 years old.

I was particularly attracted by Mrs. Moore's article, because Florence (von der Green) Chapman had just appeared in a radio interview with me over station KOOS, in my program, "Meet the Pioneers." I had just written a paper about her father, Dr. Francis O von de Green—a pioneer M. D. of Curry Co. for many years, beginning in the sixties.

In our interview, Florence said that she had obtained her first certificate to teach when she was sixteen, from County School Superintendent William Guerin. She added that she believed William Guerin was Tom Guerin's grandfather (Tom resided in Myrtle Point for many years).

As a result of that interview over KOOS, I received a letter from Geraldine Guerin (Mrs. R. McCue, of Empire, from which I quote:

"While listening to your program today (Jan. 4) I was surprised to hear the name of my grandfather mentioned, that person being William S. Guerin who was a school teacher in Curry county. I believe you are wrong in stating that he was Tom Guerin's grandfather and I think he must have been his uncle. I have in my possession the family Bible . . ." Mrs. McCue then gives the Guerin family tree, which, of course, I am glad to get.

I recall that about 1903, when North Bend was in its infancy, at the time when the Chapman family came up from Curry Co., there were two Snodgrass boys, Perry and Homer. I do not know where they came from, but I'm wondering whether they may have been brothers of the little girl who skinned her knee and let 16-year-old Teacher, Florence von der Green, carry her home—a mile down a steep, and rocky road, and "very gently laid me on my mother's bed and walked back up that hill to the school house."

This shows how one thing can lead to another, all of which helps in the writing of a history of Coos and Curry. Let me hear more from the Pioneer families.

Greyhound Drops Buses To District

With road restrictions placed on the highways by the state highway commission has given excuse for the Greyhounds to temporarily halt their runs in and through this vicinity, beginning last week.

Most noticed in way of inconvenience, naturally, is passenger service, and of course the daily newspapers, coming both from Portland and San Francisco.

Chamber Gathered Data For Hearing

The work of compiling data for the harbor hearing here last week was a masterful job well done by the local chamber of commerce, which has been laboring for many months to acquire sufficient and proper data to satisfy all questions which were to be asked by the army engineers.

The chamber of commerce is an organization which is a cross-section of the business people of the area, but lacks the individual support it rightfully should have.

The January meeting will be called next week sometime, with plans to start 1950 with a definite program for expansion of the area in a commercial and economic way.

Hauls Passengers; Arrested For Act

GOLD BEACH—Oscar Miller, Crescent City, was arrested by State Police Officer Ray Gardner Saturday for operating in Oregon without a PUC permit. He was fined \$10 and \$4.50 costs in Justice Pall Conets court.

Miller had taken passengers in his car from Crescent City to Gold Beach as the stage had to discontinue due to load limit restrictions placed on the highway over Carpenterville mountain.

There is no public conveyance for passengers between Gold Beach and Crescent City at the present time.

Rains Bring Floods Near Smith River

Rains, which began early this week and which have been more or less constant, have brought another hazard, especially just south of Smith River where the roads were closed Tuesday by flood conditions.

Snows in the uplands, melted by the warm rains, is reported to have swollen Smith River to flood stage late Tuesday night. Mails, hampered for the previous week will be given another jolt by this closure.

Coast Association Held Annual Meet At Yachats, Sun.

YACHATS—The 1950 board of directors meeting of the Oregon Coast Association held its first meeting of the new year, Sunday, at Sherwood lodge, here, where business sessions convened at 10 a. m. and continued all during the day, with recess at 1 p. m. for lunch.

Wm. R. Manion, of the Seaside-Gearhart Land Co., Seaside, new president of the association, was in charge. Approximately 40 officers and directors were present.

Attending from Brookings was Pete J. Lessmeister, Curry Co. director. Charles Grayshel was not able to be present.

Vern Ayers, who is promoting a travel magazine, "Adventures in Vacationing along the Oregon Coast," was given a letter of recommendation in his effort to get the publication into circulation. Other advertising plans were discussed by the board.

Report that there was a definite upswing of inquiries about Oregon coast travel, planned for next spring and summer.

Ramrods Nosed In Bitter Hoop Game

In one of the most exciting and bitterly-contested games of the year, Saturday night, McNamara-Peepe hoop squad of Crescent City, edged the Rod and Gun Club Ramrods, 48 to 47.

Paced by Putnam, with 21, the Ramrods stubbornly contested every effort of the star-student quint of the Crescent City firm, showing DeAutremont, Clauson Bros. and others that the Ramrods had some talent.

Behind 21 to 14 at the half, Brookings managed to emerge a 32 to 31 leader at the third quarter, and keep the visitors worried every moment of the final stanza.

Youth Night Set For January 20

Next Thursday evening, Jan. 26 will be a special night, planned for youth at the new Full Gospel church (at the VFW hall).

A group of young people from both Klamath and Crescent City will be here with a good orchestra and with special vocal numbers. Young and old, alike, are cordially invited. Services begin at 7:30 p. m. Guest speaker will be Rev. H. E. Schneidau, of Crescent City. Fellowship, and inspirational songs await those who attend.

Fourth Pinochle Party Held, Sat.

Fourth in the series of pinochle parties being given by the Rebekah social club was held Saturday evening with good attendance, considering the weather at that time and the fear of electricity remaining on.

High scores were held by Carol Ann Benson and Carl Berger; low by Bertha Whirry and Phinice VanPelt; the traveling prizes by Irene McPherson and Bill Wridge, and the door prize by Fred Gustafson.

Next party in the series will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 28, at 8 p. m. at the Odd Fellows hall.

Fair Board Meets; Plans Set For Fair

GOLD BEACH—Curry County Fair Board met Monday at the county agent's office, with Kenneth Thompson, Langlois, presiding in absence of Leo Lucas, president.

Clarence Brooks, Langlois, has the premium list excepting a few last-minute change. Printing will be done early in the spring by W. D. Sibley.

The board voted to employ use of a sound truck during the fair this year, which dates have been set for Sept. 1, 2 and 3.

The next regular meeting of the board will be held on the third Monday of March.

The horse barns and track will be rented by local race-horse enthusiasts to train their mounts. O. P. Ferguson promises to have some chariot races for the fair this year.

Kenneth Thompson, in his report of the meeting held at Portland, was enthusiastic of prospects of a greatly expanded educational fair, and one which will have a varied and highly entertaining program. Emphasis is being placed on contests and stunts for the youth and children.

Details are being worked out to include the logging and lumbering industry in this year's event. There will be chain saw competition.

The fair board is composed of Leo Lucas, president, Harbor; O. P. Ferguson, Gold Beach; Clarence Brooks, Langlois, and Kenneth Thompson, Langlois, fair manager. They ask for suggestions to aid in making the fair better and more attractive.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Abbott of Dayton, arrived here Tuesday, to look over prospects of entering business. They had just sold out their business at Dayton. From here they left for a month's auto trip through to Kansas, their old home.

Exploring, Drilling For Oil, Picture Shown To Rotary

Brookings Rotary Club, by influence of Homer Haggerty, was able to see a film showing the methods of exploration and actual drilling for oil, as done by Shell Oil Co. Henry Kerr provided the projector.

After geologists have determined presence of oil shales or formations, a crew, expert in this work, drill a series of holes to a depth of 70 or more feet in a certain pattern, and a series of dynamite shots are made, creating a miniature earthquake.

A "hearing" machine records the depth of oil strata, so a "dome" can be located. This exact spot is put on the surveyors map, and there is where drilling operations begin.

Much of the film was devoted to drilling, showing use of the derrick often pictured above the well, how casings were put in place, how drilling was accomplished by the constant use of water to carry away the "bit dust" from the drill, and how, through the dust, geologists determine the nearness to oil-bearing formations in the earth.

Once oil has been reached, the picture displayed the method of "blowing in" and "capping" of the well, making it suitable for shipment after oil is pumped on to tankers or barges to be sent to refineries.

Boys Night Set By Rod & Gun Club

Hi, Boys! Do you want to be let in on a little secret?

How would you like to go to a swell party and have all the hot dogs and ice cream you could eat? Well, here's the dope!

Chetco Rod & Gun Club is having Boys' Night at its meeting Tuesday, February 14. Every member will be required to bring at least one boy. If he doesn't, he gets fined one dollar. The eats are to be hot dogs and ice cream.

Here's a tip! If your father is not a member of the Chetco Rod & Gun Club, then hop on your bike and find one and tell him you'd like to go. You'll get free eats, have fun and save that member a dollar fine.

Realty Transfers

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Schroeder of Klamath Falls have sold their home and six acres near the state line, south of the Winchuck, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Braynard of Harbor. The Braynards plan to take possession immediately.

This transaction was handled through the Pete Lesmeister Agency.