

Historical Bits Of Coos-Curry Lore

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The proposal for a half-mill tax in Coos county to create a historical fund, as requested by Coos-Curry Pioneer and Historical Association, will not be on the ballot at the November 7 general election. The request came too late to get the issue before the legal voters at this time.

This announcement by the county court has given rise to a rumor that the history writing project of the association is definitely off—that the work has come to a dead-end.

This rumor is totally without foundation. The association has not at any time counted on a tax for the writing and publishing of the history which is now in the course of preparation.

The work of collecting the material for the book is largely completed; in fact, there is much more material on hand than can be used in the limited space that the proposed 500 pages will permit.

The work of processing this material for the printers is well on its way and is progressing as rapidly as limited means will allow. The work is going on; it must proceed and it will be continued to completion.

Estimates of the cost of printing and binding have been obtained for the association by Alfred Powers, who has been retained to direct, supervise and edit the work. Mr. Powers is dean of the school of creative

writing and publishing a branch of the Oregon state department of higher education.

The matter of a new history of Coos and Curry has long been a fond hope of our pioneer families and of the Pioneer Association. A leader was needed to start the ball rolling. Lack of funds was the obstacle. A leader was needed to show the way.

J. E. (Gene) Norton was such a person. Mr. Norton came to Coos with his parents in the eighties. He has had a wide and varied experience. Perhaps no person in Coos and Curry enjoys a wider range of acquaintance and confidence among the established residents of the region. His career has included newspaper work, traveling salesman, retail and wholesale grocery business; he has served as county judge, has represented Coos county in the state legislature; was a member of the Coquille River Port commission; has been instrumental in securing highway and bridge construction projects; has helped more than one young couple get a start on the road to success. Mr. Norton built up, owned and operated one of the modern farms in the Coquille valley, where he and Mrs. Norton now reside in a beautiful and comfortable home on a knoll by the side of the road overlooking the valley, and the river.

With his quiet and genial manner, Mr. Norton enjoys the full confidence of those who know him best. He believed that a sufficient number of pioneer families, together with others who have come later, would be sufficiently interested to sponsor a history-writing project. He prepared a list of twenty-five such persons, selecting only those who, he believed, and contribute a hundred dollars each without financial burden or strain.

Mr. Norton is not a man of leisure. He has many duties in addition to the free community projects. But he went calling on his list of 25 old friends. Many call-backs were required, for often no one was found at home. But Mr. Norton reported 23 paid up out of his list of 25.

He had so much fun that he increased the list to 60. His last report shows 50 paid-up sponsors at \$100 each. His list is still open for those who may be interested.

OPHIR NOTES

By Marian Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pollock are on a delayed honeymoon to different parts of Washington and perhaps Canada. They will be gone about a week.

Ophir residents who are hunting deer in eastern Oregon are "Mutt" and Wallace Wade, Jack Poff, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ramalia, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bettis, George Moore, the R. C. Hyde family and the Ray Nowlins.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barrington have gone to Prineville to take Mrs. Barrington's mother, Mrs. Osborne, back to her home.

Merrill Hagen and Jerry Jacobs are now employed at the Arizona Inn Ranch while the owner, Norman Nash, is away on business.

Mrs. Leonard Costello of Portland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Calvin Dishner.

Bruce Burns is now in the navy and stationed at San Diego. He writes that one day he heard a voice mention Curry County. He turned, and to his surprise, there stood his old buddy and former classmate at Ophir High, Douglas Wilcox. He, too, is in the navy and stationed at San Diego.

Local lily bulb growers are busy planting their bulbs before the rains start. As a result many high school girls are groaning

at every step. These gals aren't used to work—that kind.

Mrs. James Meteer of Nesika Beach is visiting in Okland, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor and daughter, Beth, have gone to Eastern Washington to visit their parents and other relatives in and near Spokane.

Ophir Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. Mildred Koblenzar Thursday of last week. A special event of this meeting was a stork shower honoring Mrs. Rose Barrington. The guest of honor received many useful and lovely gifts. Refreshments were served.

On Wednesday of last week a group of old-time friends of Mr. and Mrs. Will Coy called at their home to say "au revoir". The Coys have purchased a new home at Reedsport and plan to move there within a few days.

Ophir High will hold its annual carnival Saturday evening, Oct. 14 at the gym. Charlie Jensen and his orchestra will furnish the music. Admission will be \$1.00 Fun is in store for all.

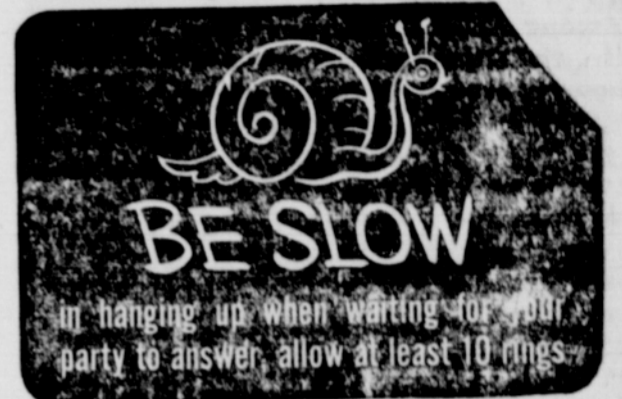
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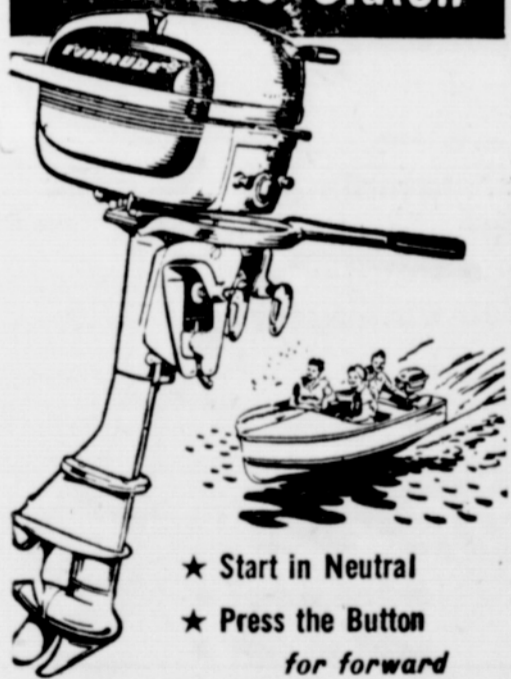


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