

Communities Join to Honor Ben Candler

By JAMES D. OLSON

In the Coos Bay area last Friday Chambers of Commerce of Coos Bay, Coquille, North Bend and Empire-Charleston, joined forces to honor Ben R. Chandler, chairman of the Oregon state highway commission for a long and distinguished career of public service to the entire Oregon coastal area.

For ten and one-half hours there were events in the fast moving Chandler Day celebration. It began with a luncheon at Coquille and ended with a testimonial dinner at Coos Bay. In between there were dedications of the newly opened divided four-lane highway between Coquille and Coos Bay and the new Coos Bay bridge; trips in coast guard cutters from Coos Bay to Charleston, a distance of 10 miles; visits to nearby state parks and a social hour at North Bend.

Governor Paul L. Patterson joined in the festivities and was the principal speaker at the closing dinner in Coos Bay. It was on that occasion that Governor Patterson told the honor guest that by his excellent administration he was added to the family of fine men who have served as chairmen of the highway commission during the past 35 years "without the slightest breath of suspicion of fraud or mismanagement."

Former State Senator William E. Walsh added to the praise, saying that it was not alone Chandler's record as chairman of the highway commission that had resulted in the decision to honor him, but in addition it was his many contributions in civic affairs as well as his record as a banker wherein Walsh said he had saved numerous businesses in the community by personal financial aid.

Deeply touched, Chandler could scarcely speak in response to the tributes.

"This has been a great occasion," he said. "Being a sentimental old codger, it has touched my heart."

He then declared that it was not he that was responsible for the progress in the highway program of the state, but rather it was the cooperation of high minded state governors, the state legislature, members of city councils and county courts, as well as the work of the staff of what he described as "the finest highway department in the whole United States" as well as the cooperation of the U. S. forestry department and Bureau of Public Roads that brought success to the highway program.

Ben R. Chandler was honored by the citizens and neighbors in his own community and nearby area, but as Governor Patterson designed him he is "a first citizen of Coos county, of the coast and of the state of Oregon."

Fouchek Graduate at Foreign Trade School

Stephen J. Fouchek of 645 Boice, Salem, will be graduated May 28 from the American Institute for Foreign Trade, Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Arizona.

Fouchek is a graduate of Creston High School in Creston, Iowa, and of the University of Oregon at Eugene, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He also holds a Doctor of Laws degree from Willamette University in Salem, and has practiced law in Salem. He is a member of Sigma Chi social fraternity and of Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity.

Specializing in Spanish, Fouchek has completed the school's intensive training course in preparation for a career in American business or government abroad.

The course of study at the Institute concentrates techniques of international business administration, foreign languages and characteristics of foreign countries.

Fouchek has accepted a position with the American Foreign Insurance Association.

Indian Population Grows 45 Per Cent

Washington (AP) — The Census Bureau says the U. S. Indian population has grown about 45 per cent since the turn of the century—but it is not quite sure what an Indian is. In a report, based on the 1950 census and issued Saturday, the bureau said there were 243,410 Indians then compared with 167,196 in 1900.

For the most part, it said, Indians were those living on reservations where blood lines have been preserved fairly pure.

But a spokesman said enumerators put a person down as an Indian if he looked like an Indian. When in doubt, they were supposed to ask.

Mrs. Marshall Hicks Wins Cake Contest

Woodburn — The ninth and final cake baking contest for the season sponsored by the May Furniture Co., and the Woodburn Food Market, was held Friday in the May kitchen with members of St. Mary's Episcopal Guild participating. Seventeen cakes were baked with the first prize for the best cake going to Mrs. Marshall H. Hicks; the second prize to Mrs. Kenneth McGrath and the third prize to Mrs. Harold Ticknor, who also received the special prize of a cook book, donated by the May Co.

The cakes were placed on sale at the Woodburn Food Market Saturday morning with all receipts going to St. Mary's Guild.

33 WAR CASUALTIES
Washington (AP) — The Defense Department Monday identified 33 Korean War casualties in a new list No. 819 that reported four killed, 26 wounded, two missing and one captured.

Korean Vets Come Directly to U. S.

Seattle (AP) — The Navy transport Gen. C. C. Ballou docked here Sunday with the first load of rotation troops to return directly to the United States from Korea.

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Which reminds us at this time of year that if you are planning on taking a vacation don't forget to:

1. Notify your newspaper carrier.
2. Tell the milkman to stop deliveries.
3. Take your home key with you instead of leaving it under the door mat.
4. Notify the local police department and a periodic check of your premises will be made.
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