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AT RIPE AGE OF 98

Mrs. Aconith Church, Mother of E. C. Church, Passes to Her Reward

Mrs. Aconith A. Church, Coquille's oldest resident, passed to her heavenly reward at 7:30 yesterday morning. Born during the administration of Andrew Jackson, back in the first third of the last century, Mrs. Church fell short by less than two years of rounding out a full one hundred years of life.

For many years she has been frail and feeble, and to a great extent her longevity has been due to the loving assistance of Mrs. E. C. Church, who had not been away from her more than two or three nights in the past 22 years.

For the past two weeks the deceased has been failing rapidly, death being due to the giving out of her heart.

Funeral services will be held at the chapel here tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 10 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. Reuben Summerlin, whose mother was a cousin of Mrs. Church. Interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

Aconith Adeline Lipps was born in Wilkes county, North Carolina, Feb. 29, 1832, and although past 98 years of age, had enjoyed the celebration of but 24 birthdays.

She taught school for a few years, three months a year, for the meager sum of \$15 per month; in 1865 was united in marriage in North Carolina to Wm. F. Church, a marine soldier in the federal army, who died April 19, 1895.

For some years she lived with a son in North Carolina, but after his death she accompanied her son, E. C. Church, to New Mexico, and came to Coquille with him, Oct. 4, 1913, remaining here since.

Four children were born to this union, one of whom died in infancy. One son, J. F., died in April, 1906; a daughter, Lilly, died last July 15; and E. C. Church is the only remaining one of her children. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren, besides many nieces and nephews in the east. She was the last of eleven children in her father's family. There were also eleven children in her husband's family and one of his brothers is still living in Washington.

Mrs. Church grew up with and had for a daily playmate in childhood, the mother of Mrs. J. H. McCloskey and Mrs. Z. C. Strang.

Mrs. Church joined the Baptist church at the age of 15. She was a consistent member throughout her life and a faithful worker in the church until old age and failing health prevented.

Since coming to Oregon Mrs. Church has been in love with this country and only a short time ago declared it to be the prettiest, with the finest climate, of any section she had ever seen.

While Mrs. Church did not have the wide acquaintance of many who came to Coos county in younger years, she will be sincerely mourned by all her friends and those who knew her. She was one of the God's noblewomen and a lovely character.

To Name County Agent Soon

F. L. Ballard, state county agent leader, was here Wednesday checking over the records of the retiring county agent, H. S. Hale, preparatory to Mr. Hale's departure for Twin Falls, Idaho.

Mr. Ballard also submitted to the Agricultural Council and Judge D. F. Thompson the names of several men, at present county agents in Oregon, with considerable experience, and was told that his recommendation would be approved. He says that the new man will be named within the next few days and will arrive in the county to take charge within a short time.

Felsheim to Manage for Hall

Chas. Hall has made an excellent selection in naming the manager of his campaign for the republican nomination for governor. L. D. Felsheim, publisher of the Western World at Bandon is the man. He will have charge of Mr. Hall's state headquarters in Portland.

Trying to Secure Another Mill

Chas. W. Gardner reported to the Chamber of Commerce directors Wednesday evening that he was endeavoring to secure the removal of a small mill to Coquille where it would be nearer its log source of supply.

To Let Annex Contract Monday

Bids were opened by the Coquille Investment Co. yesterday afternoon for the construction of the hotel annex, but the awarding of the contract was postponed until next Monday evening when it is expected that all directors of the investment company will be present.

J. E. Norton stated last evening that the shovel will begin excavating next week for the basement and in this connection it can be stated that the south basement room of the annex will be fitted up by Mr. Compton in the finest style for use as a banquet hall, thus relieving the dining room of that form of service and keeping it free for the general public.

Church Basket Dinner Sunday

Everyone is invited to a big basket dinner at the Pioneer Hall next Sunday at the close of the morning worship. Just bring your basket; for there are a plenty of plates and silver at the church. Put in a little more than is necessary for your family for our visiting Leaguers. There will be plenty of coffee.

LAST BIG FIRE RECALLED

Next Monday, the 17th, is not only St. Patrick's Day, but it is the 12th anniversary of the last general conflagration in Coquille, a fire which destroyed a dozen or more buildings.

And today that burned area is practically entirely rebuilt, the biggest gap remaining, being on Front street between the offices of Geo. T. Moulton and C. A. Gage and the Collier building occupied by the Auto Wrecking House.

The fire started at the rear of C. A. Pendleton's motion picture house, where Wm. Fortier's pool room now occupies a brick building, and was supposed to have been caused by smoldering hot ashes.

The Scenic show house was destroyed, the telephone office building just east of it, the two-story building on the corner in which J. E. Quick conducted a second hand store, and the rooming house above, the frame Masonic Hall where the Sentinel building now stands, Mrs. Sarah Wickham's hotel where the Chevrolet building was later erected, the Geo. O. Leach home on the present site of the new Grimes building, the Wetmore building which stood on the corner north of the Sentinel, a two-story dwelling where the Masonic Temple is now located, and two smaller dwellings where Geo. A. Ulett now lives, and one on the corner.

The alarm was sounded about 3 o'clock that St. Patrick's Day, Sunday morning, and it was nearly eight o'clock before the firemen had the fire so well under control that there was no further danger.

Eight buildings, only two of them frame, occupy the greater portion of that devastated area. R. B. Miller's house and the Schroeder & Gano parlors are the frame structures. The others are of brick, tile and concrete, including the Masonic Temple, the Grimes, Chevrolet, Sentinel, Liberty Theatre, and C. A. Machon's brick adjoining.

Without disparagement to the fire fighters of thirteen years ago, for they did excellent work with a wind fanning the fire, such a widespread loss is nearly impossible now. Fire-resisting material is in more general use, and our present very efficient fire department has more and better equipment with which to combat the fire demon.

The loss was estimated at that time at \$90,000, with insurance covering \$22,000 of it.

Tree Darkened Coos County

Coos county was in darkness from 8:50 until 9:50 last Tuesday evening because a tree fell across Line 20, the power line which connects the Copco line north of Roseburg with Coos Bay. And the "short" engendered by the break blew the switches out in both the Bay plants so that neither one could be used to resume service at once. The break occurred about three blocks off the Skyline boulevard between Marshfield and North Bend.

Broiles Going to Portland

According to an item in a Portland paper, Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Broiles have been called to the Foursquare church in Portland to fill a vacancy while their pastor is acting as pastor of Angeles Temple in Los Angeles. It is possible that Mr. and Mrs. Broiles will remain in Portland permanently.

REPAIR BUILDING ASK ALL RETURN

Community Hall to Have New Floor, Showers, Toilets and Ventilation

At the regular business meeting of Coquille Post, American Legion, Monday evening it was voted to contribute \$200 for repairs to the Community Building.

Other funds in sight for the improvements there, are \$500 contributed by the city, \$320 from this year and last year's Chamber of Commerce budget, \$80 rent, and there is approximately \$300 in the Coos Show Association funds which may be used in part, or all of it, for the building repairs. The Coos Show, of course, has free use of the entire building and it is entirely proper that the association help bear the expense of keeping the building in condition.

Bert Gould, chairman of the building committee, submitted to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday evening the plans for remodeling. Briefly they contemplate raising the floor six inches, with new underpinning, putting in a series of ventilators so that the space under the floor will have a circulation of air from one side to the other.

Showers and toilets are to be provided in the northeast corner room, which will be divided into two rest rooms. Two showers and two toilets will be installed in each, as well as a sink.

Mr. Gould gave no estimate as to the probable cost, but he was authorized to secure bids for doing the work. It is thought that by patching, the present roof will be good for a year or two and no large expense is needed there this year.

Shrine Club Here Wednesday

Between 60 and 70 members of the Coos Bay Shrine Club, wearing the red fez, were in attendance at the banquet served by Lufe Compton in the hotel at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. There was no special significance connected with the meeting. It was just a great-together of the Knights of the Mystic Shrine.

Albert Matson, president of the club, presided and there was splendid entertainment and a jolly feeling of good will shown.

Music was furnished by Billie Simpson, George Tracy Leach and H. S. Norton, while special musical numbers by Miss Elva Wiley, Geo. A. Martin, L. L. Graham, Mr. Grubbs, and the Shriners furnished the rest of the music.

It was a very enjoyable occasion, with Mine Host Compton preparing one of the best banquets ever served in Coos county, according to one who was there.

Beulah Chapter Initiates Four

Beulah Chapter, O. E. S., conducted initiation last evening in the Masonic Temple and obligated four new members—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boober, Mrs. Stella Bolander and Mrs. Alma Call.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Ulett were also received by the chapter by affiliation.

There were sixty present who enjoyed the excellent presentation of the worthy matron, Mrs. Lorraine Vinton, and the other officers.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the session.

Oil Men Coming to Coquille

Whether oil is struck in paying quantities over on the hill beyond Fat Elk or not, it is attracting the attention of oil men. The latest arrival is that of M. J. Perron, accompanied by his wife and her mother, Mrs. Mary Brown, of Los Angeles. Mr. Perron was formerly in the Mid-West field in Wyoming, where he was connected with one of the large companies. They were unable to find a furnished house in Coquille and are now temporarily located in Myrtle Point.

Glaisyer Sues Hale for Damages

Dr. W. V. Glaisyer filed suit against Harvey S. Hale this week for \$1775 plus \$15 per day for loss of income during the time he is unable to attend to his duties. Itemized the petition is for \$1,000 general damages, \$500 exemplary damages, \$150 for physician's fees, \$100 attorney fees, \$25 for bandages, etc. L. A. Liljeqvist is attorney for the plaintiff.

Legion Sponsors Band Dance

The dance to be given in the Community Building by the O. S. C. Band, Tuesday evening, March 25, is sponsored by Coquille Post No. 36, American Legion. Admission will be \$1.00.

Entire Coquille Teaching Force Requested for Next Year --Some Will Not

The school board for the Coquille district held its regular monthly meeting last night and settled the question of teachers for the coming year, at least temporarily, by authorizing Supt. Ferguson to present contracts to every one now teaching. It is certain that some of the teachers will not return next year, but all may if they so desire.

There was some consideration given the idea of organizing a school band, which would be under the direction of Wm. E. Thompson, an experienced instructor of Junior High bands. Should the plans go through it might result in a re-assignment in the position of principals.

The school board is determined to do something this spring toward beautifying all the school grounds, and called a meeting this afternoon of the heads of the Lions, Woman's, B. & P. W. and Flower Lovers Clubs, and Mayor J. Arthur Berg. They will meet at the high school with M. W. Canning, who is willing to take charge of the work, and who will have some assistance from the Smith-Hughes course boys.

Sheriff Hess has also stated that, with the county court's approval, it will be possible to use trustees from the jail in the rougher work, preparing the ground for seeding, etc.

Resigns After 40 Years Service

After forty years as secretary of Coquille Lodge No. 53, I. O. O. F., John S. Lawrence recently resigned the position and has been succeeded by W. E. Bosserman whom Mr. Lawrence installed Friday night.

It is indeed strange not to see Mr. Lawrence in his accustomed seat at the desk, where for two score years he has helped direct the activities of the three-link organization, and much of the successful conduct of the lodge's affairs has been due to his untiring efforts. But he felt that the increased duties which will result from the building of a new lodge hall should rest on young shoulders. "Faithful in the performance of duty" was never more aptly applied than it is to the retiring secretary of Coquille Lodge.

Gun Club Can't Get Started

In two days' of shooting in the telegraphic shoot, no member of the Coquille Rod & Gun Club has yet secured a 25 straight and the local club is toward the bottom in standing of the 26 competing clubs. Dependable marksmen like Fred McNelly and Cal Ray are not shooting this year, and their absence is felt.

Last Sunday F. C. Hudson, E. D. Graham and Ira Johnson broke 24 each, but the 72 total caused the club to lose to Dalles-Wasco 74, Harrisburg 73, Marshfield 75, and win only from Rogue River, 68.

Next Sunday's matches will be with Washington county, La Grande, Helix-Juniper and Corvallis.

Marshfield has turned in three straight 25 scores both Sunday.

Coquille Should Have Candidate

There is a matter which has heretofore been attended to by the Chamber of Commerce which has not yet received attention this year. We refer to the filing of nominations for Commissioners of the Port of Bandon. It is a position which no one seeks, and the filing fee for a candidate is \$5. The terms of J. E. Norton, J. E. Walestrom and T. P. Hanly expire next January 1, and there should be names of candidates for the nomination on the primary ballot. Coquille has for years had one representative on the Port Commission and the securing of some one's consent to run has heretofore been secured by the Chamber.

Grimes Building Nearly Finished

In a few days the Grimes building will be ready for occupancy, although the postoffice will not be moved until April 1.

The front glass is being put in place, the floors have been sanded, the doors are being hung, and work has started toward putting the marquee in place.

Auxiliary Cooked Food Sale

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary will hold a cooked food sale Saturday, March 15th, at the Safeway store. Free coffee and cake will be served.

Mrs. Hale Files Cross Complaint

L. A. Liljeqvist this week filed an answer to Harvey S. Hale's divorce suit, and also a cross complaint, asking that Mr. Hale's petition be denied.

Mrs. Hale's answer admits certain allegations as to property, and alleges that last October the plaintiff struck her several times and tied her up for three hours. The answer also alleges that for three years, while the plaintiff was attending O. S. C. that she supported them both by stenographic work in Corvallis, and that she has contributed to their support for much of their married life, and that her earnings helped to acquire their real property.

She asks that she be allowed \$50 a month during pendency of suit, \$200 attorney fee and suit costs, \$75 per month the first year and \$50 per month thereafter. Also that she be awarded the key to a safety deposit box, a portable phonograph and the Nash coupe.

GOOD SUGGESTIONS BY LIONS

The following are some of the suggestions made at the weekly Lions Club luncheon yesterday as objects worthy of being boosted by this civic organization:

Removal of curbs and dirt in parkways of Willard street, and graveling these strips to provide more parking facilities.

Removal of tumble-down shacks from the business section.

A singing quartet or club, to succeed the Canaries who seem to have sought warmer climes for the winter.

A barnyard golf, or horseshoes club.

Assistance to worthy cases in the annual dental contests in the schools. There are no blind here, whose helping is one of the principal activities of the Lions International, but there are annually many children whose parents are unable to pay for the necessary teeth correction.

Cleaning up vacant lots.

Enlargement of the children's section in the public library.

Sponsoring a team in the Junior American Legion baseball league, so that Coquille may have a league of at least four teams.

Improvement and beautifying of the public school grounds.

More attention to sojourners in Coquille so that the fame of the city as a hearty greeter of visitors may become widespread.

That all of these suggestions can be acted upon at once is impossible, but if only half of them are the Lions will prove very useful in the civic development of the city in the next few months.

John Wigant, of the Bandon den, and Earl Clinton, Myrtle Point Lion, were visitors at the meeting.

Hearing Goes to Oregon City

Deputy Game Warden C. A. Hearing made one last raid on the lower river last Tuesday before leaving for Oregon City where he will be stationed until July 1. He found one net but made no arrests.

Assistant Game Warden A. M. Fish will remain on duty in Coos county, while Mr. Hearing, with several other deputy game wardens, will be patrolling the Clackamas and Willamette river in the vicinity of Oregon City. Illegal salmon fishing is quite prevalent in that section in the spring and four or five deputies are usually on duty there.

S. P. Has Cheap Rates

L. L. Graham, Southern Pacific district freight and passenger agent, was a busy man in Coos county Wednesday and Thursday, arousing interest in the low rate excursion to Portland, which leaves Marshfield at 7:55 this evening. The round trip rate is \$6.15, with return limit Monday.

The company is also advertising another \$15 round trip rate to San Francisco for next Thursday, March 20.

Such rates are much cheaper than driving a car.

Building Will Be Warm

The Coquille High School which is sponsoring the O. S. C. band concert to be given in the Community Building here on Tuesday, March 25, is determined to have the building comfortable that evening, and will keep two fires going there all day.

Forum Meeting Wed., Mar. 19

Next Wednesday, March 19, is the date for the monthly forum meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. The program for the evening's entertainment is not yet ready for publication.

TOURNAMENT ON

C. H. S. Meets Riverton This Afternoon--If Successful to Play Roseburg Tonight

The Coos county basketball tournament started in the Armory at Marshfield this morning with a game between Myrtle Point and Arago and was followed by the North Bend-Port Orford game.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon, Coquille meets Riverton which won the "B" League championship at Myrtle Point Wednesday evening by winning from Arago 22-19. At 3 p. m. Bandon plays Roseburg.

This evening's schedule calls for a game between either Myrtle Point or Arago, and North Bend or Port Orford at 7:30, while the 8:30 game will witness either Riverton or Coquille facing Bandon or Roseburg.

The Saturday evening's games will be between the four teams which play this evening, the losers tonight playing a consolation game, while the winners will compete to decide who represents this district in the state tournament at Salem.

On the season's showing either Roseburg or North Bend should win the championship. The latter was especially fortunate in losing to Roseburg last Friday night for it means that North Bend will have but one hard game during the tournament, while Roseburg and Coquille will probably meet for a tough game this evening and the winner will have just as tough a one tomorrow night.

May the best team win, with the lurking hope that the best quintet is composed of Ellington, Griffith, Lorenz, Chard and Seelye.

The Sentinel editor is not going to pick an all-county team but he believes that Stephen Chard cannot be left out of any man's selection for the position of guard.

Students Will Govern One Day

Junior Government Day has been set for Tuesday, April 15, by a committee, consisting of Mayor Arthur Berg, city councilmen A. O. Walker and Ray Jeub; C. C. Farr and Dr. P. M. Drake of the Coquille Chamber of Commerce; W. V. Ferguson, superintendent of schools; E. F. Grider, principal of the high school; Maxine Gentry, faculty adviser for the Junior Chamber of Commerce; and Oran Rickard, social science instructor in the high school.

It is the plan of the committee to have the civics class of the high school take over the reins of the city government on Junior Government Day. This will be a novel experience for the members of the class and should prove of practical value to them.

This plan has been adopted by other cities and it has proven to be worth while for the young people. It will be well for the citizenry to know their city ordinances on Junior Government Day, as it will be the desire of the junior officials to do their duty.

The mayor and the members of the city council will address the civics class briefly outlining the duties of their respective offices. More detailed information concerning Junior Government Day will be found in the Sentinel in succeeding issues.

Liljeqvist Urged for Game Com.

L. A. Liljeqvist, of Marshfield, is being strongly recommended to Gov. Norblad as a logical successor on the State Fish & Game Commission to Ben Dorris, of Eugene, who recently resigned the position. The Coos County Game Protective Association, of which Mr. Liljeqvist is president, is urging Lil's appointment and various other civic bodies in the county are taking similar action.

Mr. Liljeqvist is eminently qualified for the position. He is an ardent sportsman, a man of sound judgment and one who would bring a keen and logical mind to the deliberations of the game commission, and he is a man in whom the public has confidence.

Gov. Norblad could find no better a candidate for the vacant post.

Chicken Thieves Abroad

Chicken thieves last night robbed the hen roost of Mrs. Ed McKeown, on east First street, taking half of her flock of twelve. The sneak or sneaks are still at liberty.

Evening services of the Church of Christ will not be dismissed, as has been announced, but Reub Summerlin, of Portland, an old Coos county pioneer, will talk. Everybody welcome.